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New SGA VP resigns

BY CHELSEA HADDAWAY
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

SGA Vice President Joe Spause resigned on Jan. 18, leaving a vacancy in the SGA that will likely remain empty until spring elections.

Spause submitted his letter of resignation, stating that classes, work and various leadership positions he holds on campus had prevented him from putting in the time he would like to.

A statement on the SGA's agenda website said that Spause resigned due to "his inability to fulfill the time requirements of the position ... we wish that schedules



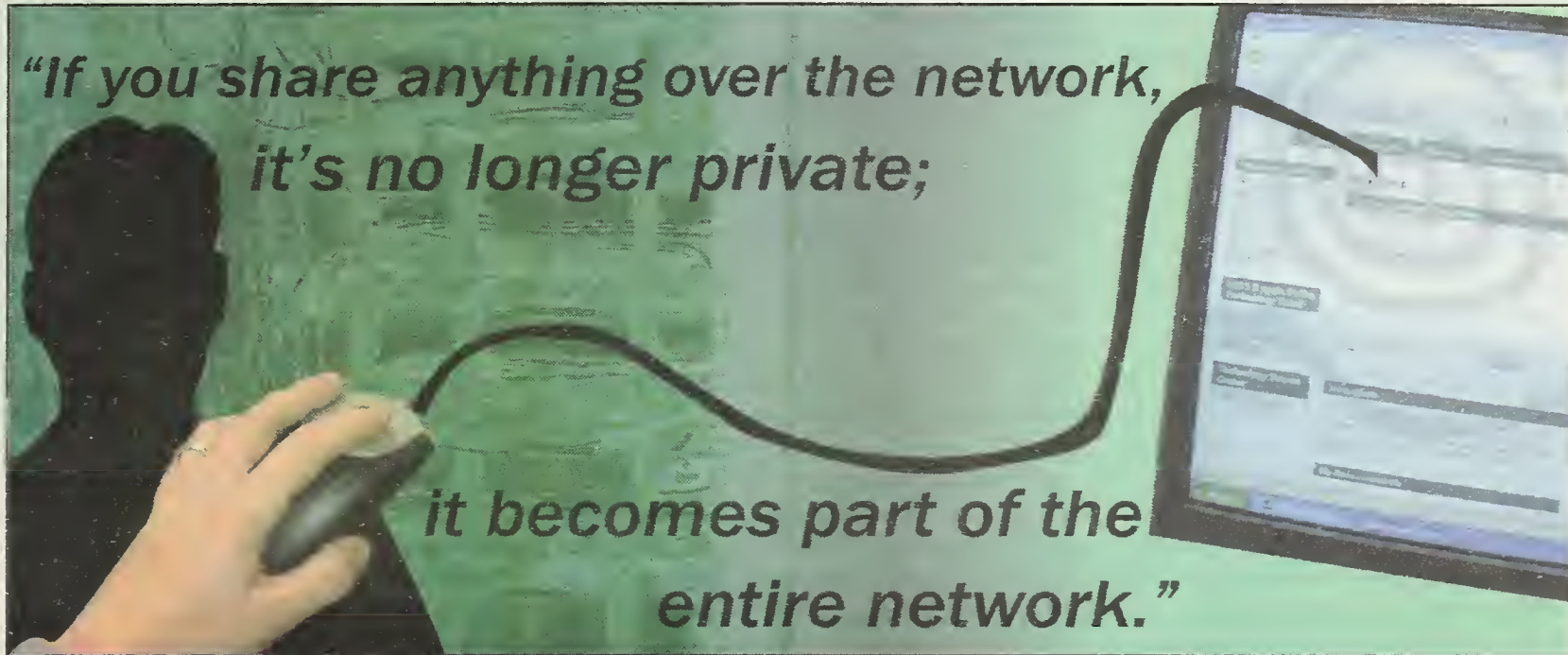
JOE SPAUSE

could have permitted a different outcome, however, understand that this may be the best solution for both parties."

"Joe is certainly an admirable guy, and he didn't want to be here if he couldn't give 110 percent," said SGA President Frank Golom.

Although Spause is relinquishing his duties as vice president, he will continue to work on many of the projects that he initiated. For example, he will remain president of the Spirit

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Privacy at risk on college network

BY BRIGID DARRAGH
STAFF WRITER

In the current age of computer hackers and constant surveillance, the idea that one's private files can be accessed via computer seems implicit, but many Loyola students and employees would still not consider this to apply to the college's own network.

Everyday, students put in phone calls for assistance to Technology Services for problems ranging from Groupwise access to virus protection to pop-up ad elimination, and often the technology consultant can access a computer's status on the screen in front of them within the technology office in Knott Hall.

Used primarily to allow quicker and easier technological assistance, this ability to remote access a computer on the Loyola network calls into question an individual's right to privacy, regardless of the benefits of this tool.

How much can Technology Services really "see" into personal computers of students and faculty through our network, and does this invade our privacy as individuals?

Before the implementation of switches to replace last year's hubs, users could view the unencrypted files of others on the Loyola network including AOL Instant Messenger conversations and e-mails.

Before remote accessing -- or

entering onto -- a computer, help desk assistants in Technology Services first ask for permission to "hack" into a user's computer.

"At no time does any Technology Service employee look through file content on a user's computer...our ability to look at files is limited," Paul R. Smith, director of Business Continuation in Technology Services.

The capability to access an individual's files is also limited by the small chance that networked computers will contain certain software that allows for remote access. Such software is only located on Loyola-owned computers, according to Tom Podles, director of computing services in Technology Services.

This software is not installed in students' personal computers, said Podles, but may be installed in offices on campus, including those of student-run organizations.

To prevent the spread of last summer's Welchia and Blaster viruses, Loyola installed firewalls in student dormitories to prevent direct connection between computers, forcing users to connect through the Internet.

Still, vulnerabilities embedded in certain programs -- including outdated editions of Windows -- can leave computers open to hackers in the system.

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Cell tower approved for Champion

BY SEAN MCELROY
STAFF WRITER

In a Jan. 6 meeting at City Hall, the Baltimore City Board of Municipal Zoning Appeals passed a resolution which allows Cingular



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The view from Champion Tower, where a cell tower will soon be.

to build a wireless communications facility on top of Champion Tower.

The resolution, which was passed in a 4-0 vote, will allow the construction of a third cell phone tower, alongside towers from Nextel and T-Mobile. The facilities are designed to improve cell phone reception in the area.

For the past eight years, Loyola has had an account with Cingular, the second-largest wireless corporation in the nation. The company offers deals to faculty, staff and administrators. Three years ago, Cingular was permitted to sell cellular phone service to students on campus at a discounted rate.

"Since then there have been complaints from students saying, 'Service is pretty good outside, but I can't get service inside the building,'" said Steve Fox, director of Communications Services for Technology Services.

He adds that the facility will increase in-house coverage for

students on campus as well as improve cellular service for the neighboring community.

According to Mark Kelly, director of Public Relations, it was not solely Loyola's interest in improving reception that brought on the deal. Champion's location at the intersection of two major roads and its height make it an ideal location for cellular companies.

"We've been approached by the company, and we have a very tall building in the area. It's not something Loyola actively solicits. Any high point of ground a cellular company will want to jump to," Kelly said.

Terry Sawyer, special assistant to the president for community and government relations, explained that from the college's perspective there is no real downside to having the new antennae.

"When a vendor comes to us...if logistically it can work, continued on page 4



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This weekend, McGuire Hall was packed with students competing for \$3,500 in prizes in the first annual winner-take-all Texas Hold'em Tournament.

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Voting flaws persist in many states, report says

BY FRANK DAVIES
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

(KRT) WASHINGTON -- Many of the voting flaws that marred the last presidential election still exist and new electronic balloting systems designed to correct those flaws have problems of their own, a report released Thursday warned.

Starting today in New Hampshire, millions of voters will cast ballots in primaries and other elections on equipment that's either largely untested or that proved unreliable



in 2000, the report by the Election Reform Information Project found.

In 22 states, many voters still will use punch cards ballots, the cause of many problems in 2000. The report said the states haven't replaced the machines because only \$650 million of \$3.9 billion Congress authorized to help them buy new machines has been sent out.

Ohio is sticking with punch cards for at least one more election because Secretary of State Kenneth Blackwell released a study last month identifying 57 potential security problems in electronic machines, the report noted.

The report cited problems from the lack of a paper printout from computerized voting machines. California, Nevada and Oregon require voter-verified paper audit trails that can be used in contested elections, but other

states do not.

Doug Chapin, the director of information for the project, noted in an interview that the lack of a paper trail already has created a dispute in a special election for state representative in Florida. The margin of victory in that election earlier this month was only 12 votes. No votes were recorded for 134 voters in the race, however. With no paper printout, a manual recount required by state law couldn't check the ballots.

Rep. Robert Wexler, a Florida Democrat, is suing state and local election officials to require paper printouts. Democratic Sens. Bob Graham of Florida and Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York have introduced bills in Congress to require paper trails on all electronic systems.

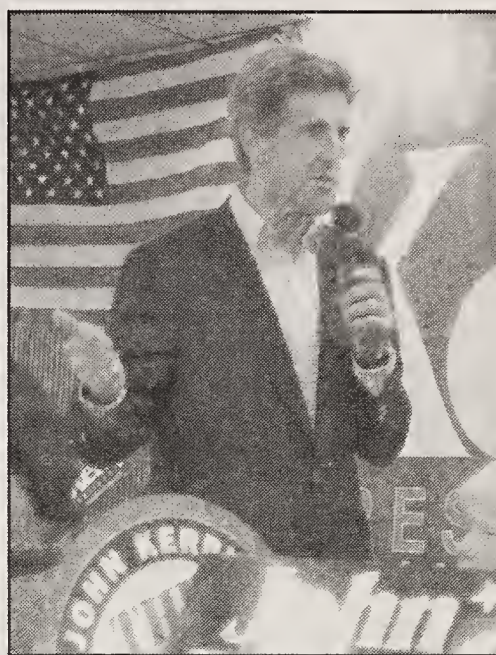
"The Wexler suit is being watched around the country because it's a crucial test of what states and localities will be required to do," Chapin said.

The report cited other quirks and potential pitfalls of the upcoming election season:

In South Carolina, the Feb. 3 primary is run by the Democratic Party, and to save money the party is using old-fashioned paper ballots, to be counted by hand. Expect a late count and the potential for disputes.

"We don't count by hand -- the party is doing this on its own," said Hannah Majesky, a spokeswoman for the state elections department.

In Michigan, Democrats are encouraging higher turnout in the Feb. 7 primary by allowing Internet voting in addition to more



CHUCK KENNEDY/KRT

As John Kerry and other Democrats prepare to challenge George W. Bush, voting machines may still present problems.

traditional methods. Party officials said they'd cleared up any potential problems, but computer experts warned the Pentagon on Wednesday to abandon a \$22 million experiment in online voting this year for troops overseas because of security risks.

"There's a consensus among election people that Internet voting is a good idea whose time has not yet come," Chapin said.

Antiquated lever machines, which aren't made anymore, will be used in primaries March 2 in New York state and Connecticut. Breakdowns have plagued the machines in New York City in recent elections, and that could be a big problem if there's a heavy turnout in a competitive primary.

Some of the changes voters will experience this year have nothing to do with machinery. The 2002 federal law, for example,

requires states to ask first-time voters who registered by mail to provide identification.

That may sound routine, but many states haven't had any kind of identification requirement before. Seven primary states have more stringent identification procedures this year: Connecticut, Florida, Louisiana, Missouri, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.

"If there are a lot of new voters in the primaries -- college students, for example, with different residences -- there could be confusion," Chapin said.

To make the process smoother and prevent fraud, the federal law requires uniform, statewide registration databases. That can be expensive, and because federal money has been slow in coming, 41 states are seeking a delay of that mandate until 2006. The states that haven't sought the waiver are Alaska, Arizona, Georgia, Hawaii, Kentucky, Minnesota, South Carolina, South Dakota and West Virginia.

The 22 states that will use punch cards in some jurisdictions include California, Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia and Wyoming.

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The college will replace the charred remains of this grill after a fire last week.

Grease fire closes Primo's

Grease that had built up behind a grill in Primo's ignited a fire on Friday night around midnight, requiring the Baltimore Fire Department to put out the blaze with a chemical extinguisher.

No one was hurt by the incident.

Primo's employees and customers were evacuated, and the facility did not re-open until late Saturday evening after an examination by the Baltimore Health Inspector.

Primo's officials also wanted to ensure "that all our food was safe," said Lisa Simenauer, executive chef.

Following its re-opening, Primo's offered a limited amount of food, and elevators in the building were shut off.

"This unit was coming out," said Simenauer of the charred grill. Dining Services will now purchase a replacement for the expensive unit, which was part of the original facility when it opened.

Professor named Fellowship director

As called for by the 2001 Strategic Plan, Richard Brown, professor of computer

science, was offered and accepted the position as director of the National Fellowships Program.

"One of the main objectives of the office is for me to identify, encourage and assist qualified students in pursuits of nationally competitive awards and opportunities for post-baccalaureate study abroad as well as in the U[nited] S[tates]," said Brown.

The plan's initiative called for support of the program "to increase the number of national fellows and the quality of [Loyola's] professional and graduate programs."

Brown will continue to teach part time while assuming part of the responsibilities with Sister Helen Christensen, who works as associate director of the program.

"It's a good opportunity for me to learn and grow and to work with the best and brightest students at Loyola," said Brown.

-- From staff reports and college releases

Campus Police Blotter

Selected excerpts from reports

Friday, Jan. 16

Campus police noticed a student carrying a partially open book bag into Newman Towers. The officer could see a box of beer through the opening and also noticed that the student was carrying a case of beer underneath his jacket. The student was escorted into the laundry room where he emptied out all 48 cans of beer.

Sunday, Jan. 18

An RA reported hearing two girls fighting and shouting obscenities in Newman Towers West. When the RA stepped into the hall, she saw two black girls struggling, and one of the females had the other in a headlock. The RA went to break up the fight but one of the females saw her and said, "The RA is coming." The females got into an elevator and left, but the RA could still hear them fighting in the elevator. Campus police could not find the girls.

Sunday, Jan. 18

A bathroom on the second floor of Hammerman was vandalized. Someone had taken the two garbage cans and dumped them all over the floor and in the toilets. Campus police also found approximately 75-100 empty beer cans in the bathroom.

Thursday, Jan. 22

While on patrol in Campion Tower, campus police noticed a door was ajar. The officers could see many bottles of alcohol in the room in plain view. Campus police then knocked and entered the room. None of the residents turned out to be 21. The officers confiscated the following bottles of alcohol from the room: Full containers: six bottles of Yuengling, one bottle of Martini & Rossi vermouth, one bottle of Grey Goose vodka, one bottle of Pisco Reservado rum, and 10 bottles of wine. Partially full containers: one bottle of vermouth, one bottle of Bacardi 151, one bottle of Johnnie Walker Black, one bottle of Kahlua, one bottle of rum, one bottle of Jaegermeister, and one bottle of whiskey sour drink mix. Empty containers: four bottles of gin, four bottles of vodka, eight bottles of whiskey, one bottle of 99 Apples liquer, three bottles of rum, one bottle of Peachtree Schnapps, five bottles of wine, and one bottle of Jaegermeister.

--compiled by Erin Kane

Forum Friday scrutinizes campus pride, stereotypes

By CHERILYN WINKLER
STAFF WRITER

Campus climate, school unity, tolerance and outside perceptions of Loyola were the focus of the SGA-sponsored Forum Friday discussion on Friday, Jan. 23.

Many at the meeting said that a feeling of unity on campus would affect both the good and bad perceptions of Loyola, and the phrase, "10 percent of the people on campus do 90 percent of the things," was used often to describe campus climate.

A large portion of the discussions focused on the effects of "self-perpetuation of stereotypes," with *Princeton Review* statistics frequently cited as the result of students lacking pride in Loyola.

Another factor in campus climate was said to be the negative perception about Loyola that stems not only from the students but also from the administration. Students in attendance believed that if a more positive outlook about Loyola was projected to incoming freshmen, the campus climate could improve.

Security to be addressed

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in history," said sophomore Dominic Cerquetti, a former employee of Technology Services who explained that patches can be downloaded from the company website but many students on campus probably choose not to do so, leaving their computers at risk.

Under U.S. law, searching an individual's hard drive without either their permission or a warrant is considered an illegal search and seizure. However, no laws exist preventing Technology Services employees from going through the files on an individual's hard drive, only procedures to protect the privacy of network users.

"It's a rude awakening for a lot of people that what you do on your computer can potentially be seen by anyone else using a network ... and people act as if they would in private, only they're not," said Dr. Elliot King, a communication professor. "It's up to the institution to publish rules and make them clear to students."

Another problem lies in the naivety of students who assume that their work on a personal computer is private. Sharing files on the Internet makes them public, and once they're shared, looking at these files for any reason is no longer illegal.

"If you share anything within the network, it's no longer private; it becomes part of the entire network," said Peter Zebrowski, SGA director of technology.

"I found that a lot of people's computers are not secured very well" said Cerquetti. He said that several users on Loyola network last year were sharing their entire hard drives. To remove this sharing capability, users should right click on the file to get to the Sharing and Security information.

Sharing illegally downloaded files is especially of concern to Loyola officials who face potential distribution lawsuits by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA), whose ongoing battle against file-sharing has recently focused on the college population.

"We try to block the ability of data streams to protect students' identities from outside copyright corporations," Smith said.

If a networked computer is detected to have a large bandwidth, indicative of sharing downloaded and potentially illegal material, the student or employee is contacted by Technology Service, which then shuts off the user's Internet access.

"We are here to provide technology, not ethics," said Podles.

All disciplinary action against students



Kelly Crosset, chief of staff for the SGA, leads participants in discussing perceptions of the college at Friday's meeting.

"The reason we chose campus climate as a topic for this forum was to make it clear what is going on and identify the positives on campus. Through the discussions we

goes through the Office of Student Life.

"Student Life does not ask Technology Services to search through user files. ... We would first ask the student what's going on and, if necessary, for permission to search their computer," said Leonard Brown, director of Student Life.

However, campus-wide confusion on the limitations of Technology Services makes finding out the truth about privacy rights harder to nail down.

According to a Loyola graduate assistant, several seniors lost housing rights last year based on evidence that was found on one of the students' personal hard drives. The seniors had made a mock "Jackass" video clip of themselves throwing a pumpkin out of a window of a senior housing complex.

Brown argued that the disciplinary action did not result from a search of students' private files but rather from the obtainment of a burned CD of the clip.

"Searching someone's private files without their permission or knowledge is something we would never do," Brown said. "It has to be based on our concern that there's a policy violation or someone at risk."

"When we're looking to stop illegal use, we look at file descriptions ... but we don't want the right to look through the content of personal files," said Smith.

"I think everyone has ethical obligations, including us as users ... but I don't agree that anyone should have access to search private files," senior Jill Colley said. "A computer is a private space."

In response to the issue of privacy, Technology Services is presently forming a committee to deal with the issue of what the staff can do concerning access to hard drives, according to Smith.

The committee will address security within and outside of Loyola's computer network and create policies that will be publicized to the college community as the majority of students, faculty and administrators are unaware of Technology Services' capabilities and rights.

Smith suggested ways that computer users can better protect themselves and their privacy. By avoiding setting up shared files, you are denying other users in your network domain to those files. Also, each student should be familiar with obligations of network users so that they can avoid illegal and unethical computer use.

Christina Santucci and Chelsea Haddaway contributed to this article.

can see what people are thinking and feeling," said Nell Mone, director of community relations for the SGA.

A large issue relating to campus climate that stemmed from Friday's discussion was unity among the student body. Students said that improvement of tolerance among different groups, i.e. the pro-drinkers and non-drinkers, could drastically affect the student body now and in the future.

Because of the focus on campus climate, the meeting asked groups of participants two questions: "How would you describe Loyola to a stranger?" and "What makes you proud to go to Loyola?"

After the small group discussions, large groups were formed with the purpose of creating lists of the bad and good perceptions of Loyola. Positive items ranged

from the business school and dorms, and negative perceptions included a lack of diversity and overall apathy.

"The small school environment is crucial in nurturing the core Jesuit ideal of the persona," said Greg Tomezsko of one Loyola strength.

The pro and con lists were then analyzed by the entire meeting. As in every forum, the group discussed what could be done to change the issues they were coming across.

Many in attendance believed that Loyola had strong positives that made them proud to be a student here.

The general impression at the end of the forum was that changing mentalities on campus would be a large undertaking, but by starting with the incoming freshmen, campus climate could become more easily unified.

"Programs like these that recognize and celebrate all that is positive about our campus play an integral role in making Loyola all that we want it to be," said Cindy Parcover, assistant director of Alcohol Drug Education and Support Services.

"Forum Fridays are a great way to get a group of students representing the whole campus together and have their views heard. Students' opinions are raised and heard in a forum that really can effect change on this campus," said Katie Vannucci, SGA director of student affairs and co-organizer of last week's meeting.

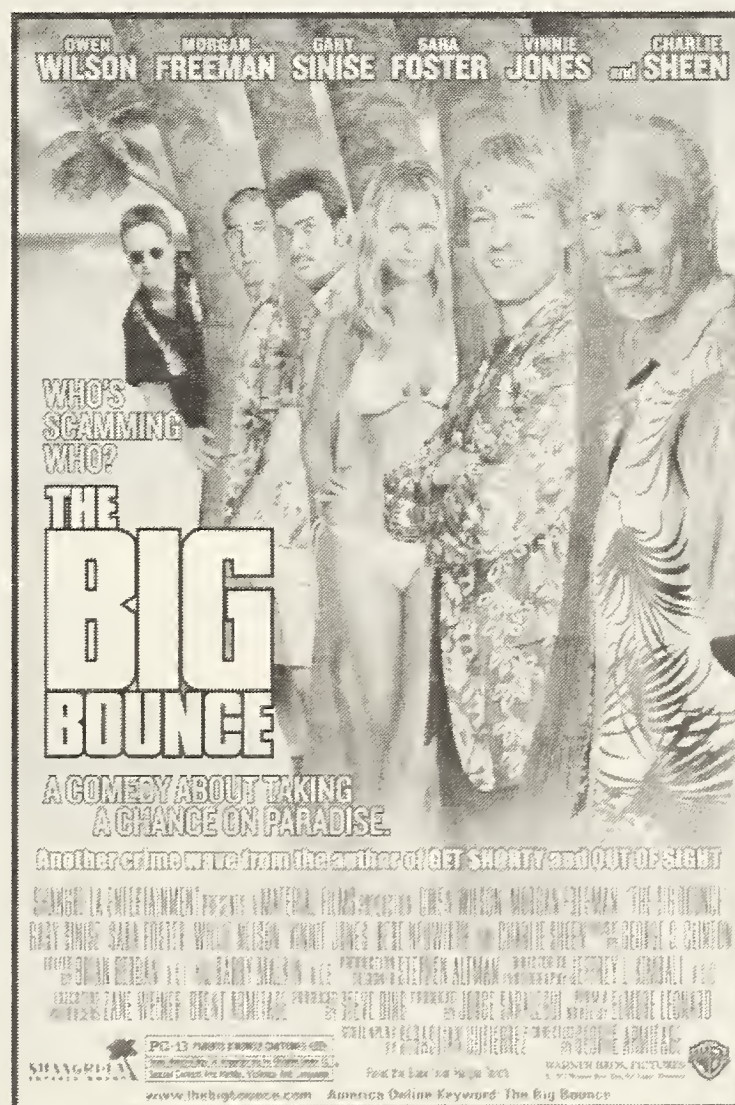
Originally called First Fridays, the discussions were first sponsored by the administration and were a requirement for student leaders only.

Current Loyola staples stemming from First Fridays include Loyolapalooza and the Fall Football Classic.



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IN THEATRES NATIONWIDE JANUARY 30th

Summer offerings increased

BY MORGAN HILLENBRAND
STAFF WRITER

An initiative to improve Loyola's summer course program has recently been approved by both the Executive Council and the Council of Academic Deans. These changes will provide a wider variety of classes which will be offered to current students as well as incoming freshmen.

In his state of the college address last September, Loyola College President, Rev. Harold Ridley, S.J. addressed the summer course issue, saying that it suffered from "benign neglect".

"Last year we anticipated summer school tuition of \$556,000, and we actually took in \$373,000. We do no specific marketing, and there is no administrator with this as a high priority," said Ridley.

This initiative was first discussed on the annual retreat of the president's Executive Council, and later with the Council of Academic Deans.

"We have heard of students needing summer courses that were not available so we looked at trying to meet student's needs in a better fashion," said Dr. David Haddad, vice president of Academic Affairs.

The advising office in the past has had discussions with students who had to drop a class and were concerned about staying on target for graduation. Many of these classes were not available in the Loyola summer course program, and by expanding the program, the hope is to alleviate some of these concerns, said Haddad.

"This year we are expanding our summer offerings in a modest way, and depending on how it goes, we may look into further expansion," Haddad said.

Academic Affairs Associate Vice President Ellen Hoadley confirmed that changes needed to be made in Loyola's summer course offerings.

"These changes will help with study abroad and internship opportunities, and some students want a head start so that freshman year will be easier. Student needs were hampered by not having a full selection of courses offered in the summer program," Hoadley said.

Administrators are also looking into reorganizing class schedules of courses that are already offered during the summer.

"Traditionally, Loyola has offered once-a-week night classes for one subject, but we would like to change the format so that these classes meet several times a week instead of just once. This will help with language classes, where repetition helps to learn the information," Hoadley said.

In 2002, records show that 279 students were enrolled in summer school at Loyola. Some of these students were enrolled in as many as four classes, the most popular classes being in finance, theology and philosophy.

"Loyola is striving to meet the needs of our students as more and more people are struggling to graduate on time. As a first step, we will be adding language and writing courses to the 2004 schedule," said Catherine Fallon, assistant dean of the Sellinger

School.

If the program is successful, Loyola will look into placing someone in charge of the summer school program.

"If it looks like there is going to be a huge expansion of summer school, we will have to put someone in charge, but not at this point. We're just testing the waters," Haddad said.

Many schools market their summer programs to other colleges and universities. If the program expansion is successful at Loyola, that will become a future possibility, administrators said.

"If the program grows, eventually we will market to other schools, but that's not the audience we are looking at primarily. We are trying to better serve our current student body," Haddad said.



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About eight inches of snow had blanketed Loyola's campus by Monday morning. Workers tried to clear roads and paths with plows, shovels, and salt even though the college was officially closed for the day.

Conference discusses role, purpose

BY CHRISTINA SANTUCCI
NEWS EDITOR

Authority of the Loyola Conference topped the dialogue of the governance body on Tuesday, Jan. 20. In terms of the ability to approve, deny, or create a statement of majority opinion, conference members questioned their role in the administrative proceedings of the college as details of the year-end Facility Use Committee report were discussed.

In particular, the approval of a \$50 fee for faculty, administrators and employees to park on campus, which fell under the College's Master Plan, was questioned by Dr. Randall Jones, physics professor, chair of the faculty, and chair of the Academic Senate. Jones said that an earlier meeting on the topic had been merely informational, and that the response of committee members to the proposal by conference members had been mainly negative.

Stemming from the recommendations by an external consultant, the parking committee, a sub-committee of the Facilities Use Committee, passed recommendations of gradual fee increase on to the creators of the College Master Plan and subsequently to the Board of Trustees, who implemented the plan last April. The decision came

after several information sessions were held for those involved in the decision, according to Helen Schneider, assistant vice president of Campus Services and chair of Facilities Use Committee.

"We never brought it to a vote and decided whether there was a majority opinion on the issue," said Jones in an interview after last week's conference meeting.

Dr. David Haddad responded during the meeting that the Conference was free at any time to create a statement either recommending or opposing an issue on the agenda.

Whether the conference should have done so or even revised the parking proposals remains an issue for Jones.

"That's what I'm going to bring up at our next conference meeting," he said.

Debate on the issue was broken down into the expenditures versus revenue, and Schneider explained that Loyola's administration hoped to more closely align the two figures as future plans include the construction of parking garages, a potentially huge expense. Plans suggested by the external consultant included three garages: one on the west side of campus, one underneath Curley Field, and one at the York Road facility.

"It's a good way to reclaim land," said Schneider, who could

not predict whether Loyola would adopt the plans exactly.

Jones compared the necessity of parking on campus to that of an office. Just as the college supplies space to work, it should in turn provide for the adequate transportation needs of its employees.

"So part of the point of the \$50... was to just get them [faculty, administrators, and staff] used to paying for parking," said Schneider.

The second half of the Loyola Conference meeting was a discussion of confidentiality in the grievance policy that caused members to examine the definition of "confidant" and wording prohibiting grievance policy filers from discussing the proceedings.

Both Roger Eastman, associate faculty of computer science, and Kermit Keeling, associate faculty of accounting, argued the need for personal confidants so as to "vent."

In response Toi Carter, assistant vice president of Human Resources, explained that documents had been worded so as to protect from the circulation of potentially harmful information.

The wording will be reviewed by Loyola legal counsel, Kathy H. Hoskins, and returned to the Loyola Conference at its next meeting on Feb. 17.

Several locals oppose construction

continued from the front page which in this case it can because we have space on the roof, there doesn't seem a good reason not to do it," he said.

For students like Robert McNamara, who lives in Campion, the addition of the new Cingular antennas is a blessing. "I can't get any service in the dorm, and have to walk around a lot outside before I can get even get decent reception," he said.

For some local residents like Mary Joyce Forsyth, however, the addition of the new antennas is unwelcome. Forsyth, a member of the Guilford Association of Homeowners, lives directly across from

Campion Tower. She wrote an article in the latest edition of the *Guilford News* that spoke of her objections to the new antennae.

In her article, Forsyth cited possible health risks, the unsightliness of the antennae and potential negative effects on real estate values as reasons for her discontent.

"By adding 12 additional antennae, and the prospects for more going forward, we continue to allow Loyola to impose such risks on area residents without the endorsement of the area residents and without careful consideration to limit the companies' access to this area exposure," Forsyth wrote.

Although Forsyth said that five homes were also in opposition to the antennae construction, college officials believe that neighbors are mostly indifferent to this issue.

"The article was very misrepresentative," Sawyer said. "There was a discussion about this throughout the month of December with community leaders and there was no opposition raised at all," Sawyer said.

One main complaint by Forsyth was fear of radiation from the towers, which she says has not been examined.

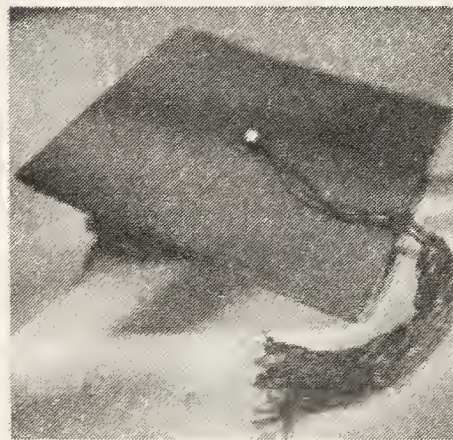
"We certainly wouldn't want to do this if we felt it would adversely affect the community," Fox said.

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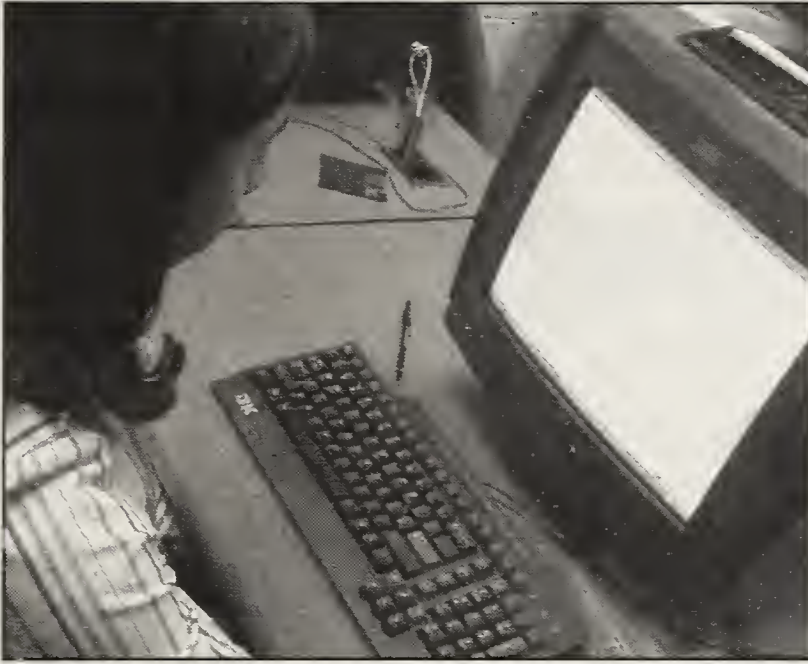
Implemented this month, an upgraded version of Blackboard, Loyola's "gateway," now allows users to control the content of its new features, also known as modules.

"You can decide what you want to see and choose what needs to be there," said Rich Sigler, Technology Services and Instructional Services Senior Systems Engineer. "This gives Blackboard users resources at their fingertips," he said.

The Technology Services and Systems Development staff used the changes made in the Blackboard program to create the MyLoyola portal, which gives Blackboard users the opportunity to personalize their account.

The MyLoyola portal also allows users to add or remove most modules and rearrange the MyLoyola page by clicking on the "Content" button, located on the top right corner of the page. Students can also change the module colors by clicking on the "Colors" button.

Sigler, who helped create the Loyola portal, said that the program is a learning module system.



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Students and employees can redecorate their Blackboard account with colors as well as through rearranging modules.

"The upgrade provides greater functionality such as enabling faculty members to add more categories in the grade book," Technology Services and Systems Development Director Barry Rice said.

Faculty members now have greater access, which allows them to control the content of classes.

In addition to a more convenient website, Sigler said "the portal has the ability to see if you are a student, employee, guest, or faculty, and will tailor to that person."

The new aspects of the Loyola portal include: LOTS (Loyola Online Technology Suite) which provides users with links to Groupwise, Webadvisor, and the Loyola Technology Service center;

Search Loyola which allows users to search Loyola's website from Blackboard; the Search module offering direct access to the Web; a Calculator for quick calculations; and Text Pad, which is a similar feature to Notes, providing users with a means to write HTML documents.

Sigler said that the way users can fully benefit from the interface is to take time to customize the website.

"I encourage people to play around with the modules," he said. "The portal is in its infancy and it's going to continue to grow and become more and more useful."

Rice added that Blackboard is the premiere Internet content management system in the world and has upgraded its features.

Spause VP no more

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Committee and continue working on a campaign to bring HBO into the dorms.

"It'll give me the opportunity to continue with the things I signed up to do, without the time constraints," said Spause.

Spause had not informed the SGA that he was planning to resign, but the signs were there. Because he was taking six classes and working three jobs, Spause said he was often not available to the SGA "during normal hours of the day" and missed important meetings.

When time came to write evaluations, members of the Executive Council requested the chance to evaluate Spause, although traditionally the SGA president is the only one to evaluate the vice president. When they came back, the evaluations praised Spause's enthusiasm and creativity but found him lacking in attendance, commitment and teamwork.

Spause knew that his other obligations were causing him to neglect the SGA, so he chose to submit his resignation. "I was able to leave in a respectable manner," he said.

Director of Student Activities Mark Broderick said that he wished more students would have the "wherewithal" to cut back. "It's not the first time and it won't be the last," he said. "Second

semester seniors who have a lot on their plates tend to resign, and I'd rather see them resign than have an SGA full of senioritis."

Golom also acknowledged that student leaders tend to overexert themselves. "If people are resigning because they're too involved on campus, that's a good thing," he said.

Under the SGA constitution, Spause could be replaced by a member of the Executive Council, or by searching the campus for an applicant to take the spot. Spause himself was not elected; he applied for the position after Golom was promoted to president following Myke Sellitto's removal.

A search for a new vice president will not be held because of time constraints. SGA elections take place in a month and a half, and no members of the executive cabinet showed an interest in the position. Instead, Golom wants to focus on publicizing the next election to interested students.

Most of Spause's responsibilities will be taken over by Kelly Crosset, the chief of staff, and John McNamara, the director of finance and administration. Other members of the Executive Council will pick up the rest of the slack.

Spause's resignation follows closely behind that of Brian Marana, the director of diversity who stepped down last month. He is the second vice president to resign in two years.

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Endorsement no slam dunk

Rev. Harold Ridley's friendship with head coach Scott Hicks, which dates back to before either came to Loyola, is well known. It is understandable that he would publicly support a head coach he hired four years ago with great confidence. But to single the team out as an "example of the Loyola College spirit" that should be "admired and supported," while a noble gesture, seemed a bit extravagant to us and surely raised a few eyebrows throughout campus.

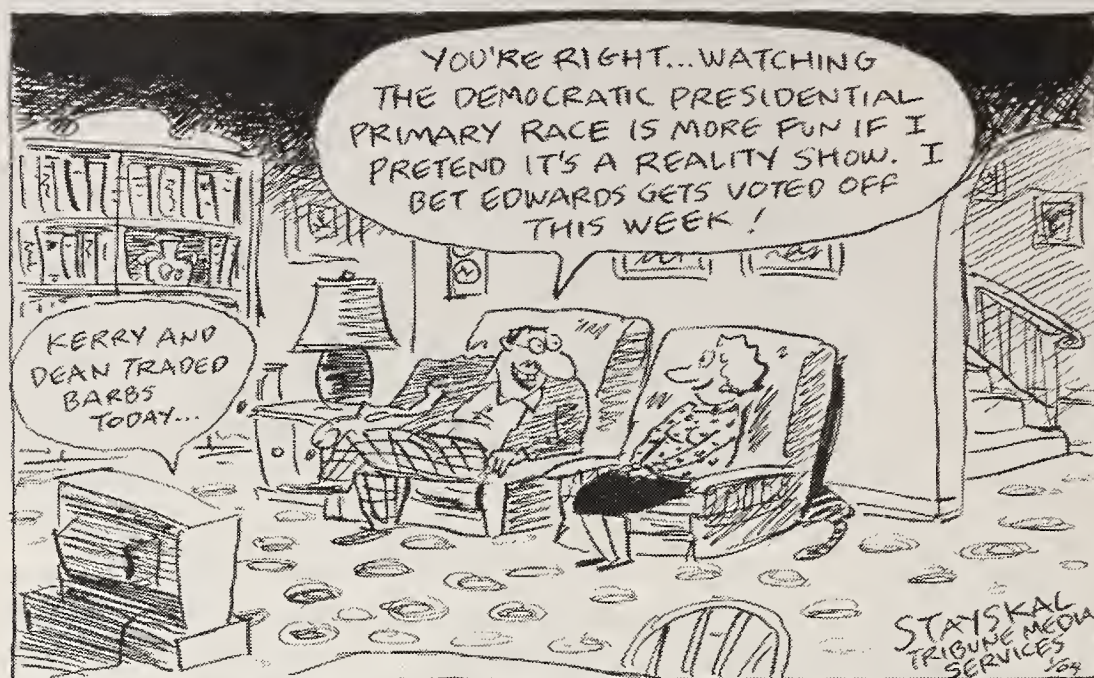
Scott Hicks is one of the most honorable people on Loyola's campus, and his integrity in running the basketball program without a hint of scandal sets him apart from his coaching colleagues at other institutions. Even at this difficult time, Hicks has continued to act professionally both with this publication and the growing list of others that now cover the team. This has never been questioned. What we question is why Ridley would choose the team from all the other groups on this campus as an example of "the core values that continue to guide our work here."

As united as the team may be, its example pales in comparison to the countless other members of the Loyola community who work with great dedication toward improving this institution while representing the college with dignity. On Friday, the SGA held a stimulating discussion on the climate of the college community. On Sunday, dozens of students went to Fells Point to serve the less fortunate as part of the Beans and Bread outreach. But Ridley, who rarely comments publicly on any issue, denigrates those accomplishments by praising a basketball team that has brought negative coverage of the college on a national stage.

Many students struggle to pay their own bills while balancing a full schedule of classes and extracurricular activities. Staff and faculty go above and beyond their job descriptions in serving on committees and boards meant to improve the college for no extra salary. Yet Ridley singles out a coach with a six-figure income and players who attend the school with full athletic scholarships when their performance merits neither?

This is not an anti-athletics bias. If the men's basketball team's example deserves such recognition, than what about that of last year's women's lacrosse team? Even at the height of their success and with greater national recognition, Ridley uttered not one public comment on the level of his endorsement now. The same question could be asked to the coaches and players of the women's soccer and cross country teams.

Should we support the team at this time and are they good guys? Of course. Should the college reward them above anyone else? Not now.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Former TGN President talks back

My name is Alan Danzis and I am responsible for the "failure" of TGN. I made the decision to concentrate on forcing programming to air, rather than structuring the network, in an attempt to keep control away from the Communication Department and in the hands of the students.

I was wrong.

The station succeeded temporarily because a select few of exhausted students followed the edict of "we have to keep going." While I am now glad to see TGN is not folding but transitioning into WLOY-TV, I am worried.

I worry that students, with radical and creative ideas, may not see their shows aired because the Communication Department views WLOY-TV as educational only. A news show should be an anchor,

not the anchor.

The future of WLOY-TV programming should be at least 50 percent education, 50 percent entertainment. A strong WLOY-TV should air programs such as:

A 5-10 minute sitcom. Imagine, a Creative Writing student working with a Digital Video student to produce one of these shows.

A weekly news show that is LIVE. Going live during my presidency proved to be extremely beneficial for students: on SGA election nights, we had interviews with the winners minutes after the results were announced.

A blind date show. Quite simply, "Fate Date" needs to eventually go back to WLOY-TV. Why? Because WLOY-TV needs to be "personality driven." Viewers don't come for the show, they

come for the person on the show. So the news show can be as informative as it wants, but if that anchor is a bore, no amount of professionalism will save it. "Fate Date" succeeded because of Joe Salvati. My political show failed because I have the screen presence of a dung beetle.

For WLOY-TV to have success, it will need entertaining shows with strong screen personalities that will NOT come from the Communication Department. Those students can write and produce, but the majority of them either fear the screen, or lack on-screen experience.

WLOY-TV will also only succeed with a strong station manager that is the true leader of the station. He or she needs to make the programming decisions, not the Communication Department.

Loyola also now has a unique opportunity to have three media organizations working together but still avoiding being 100 percent neutral. Think *The New York Times* versus Fox News versus NPR.

In closing, I'd like to once again offer to sit in on any meetings concerning the future of WLOY-TV. I certainly made many mistakes as president, but I do believe I can prove myself an asset in the reorganization process.

Good luck WLOY-TV; I'll be watching.

Alan Danzis
Class of '03

From the Desk of the SGA President

I like to begin each semester with a particular message or goal in mind. During my last three years, this strategy has often helped me to remember my purpose here.

More and more, I find an increasing need to remember that purpose. In the last few months, two individuals have resigned from the Student Government Association. Though their resignations have been amicable and the reasons for each entirely personal, let me take this opportunity to assure everyone that the SGA is alive and well and our mission of building community as strong as ever.

In addition to such successful fall events as Initium Week, Week of Dialogue, Fall Football Classic, the Roots and Presence for Christmas, members of the SGA's Executive Cabinet have taken it upon themselves to develop programs and initiatives aimed at improving campus life at Loyola. These include, but are not limited to, the creation of the Fight Song Contest, the resurrection of Forum Fridays, the development of the SGA Newsletter, the formation of the Spirit Committee and the expansion of the Bookswap.

During the spring semester, the SGA will continue to build community through both new and old events and initiatives, including the Newsletter, the second annual Variety Show, the Baltimore-at-Large project, Questions and Coffee with Fr. Ridley et al., Forum Fridays and, of course, Loyolapalooza. Efforts will continue with regards to off-campus policy issues, academic excellence and the diversity course requirement as well.

Take a moment to familiarize yourself with your Student Government. If you have not already done so, now is as good a time as any to come together and get involved. We only offer you the opportunity. The rest is entirely yours.

Sincerely,

Frank D. Sofron

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“State of the Campaign” shows need for change

Jan. 20, 2004, President Bush began his campaign. The forum: the most publicized speech of the primary season, a campaign manager's dream, the State of the Union address. Bush began his agenda with a call to renew the controversial Patriot Act, set to expire within a year. He described it in terms of common crime control tactics, deliberately avoiding accusations that point to civil liberties violations. His strategy was

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evident in nearly every topic he raised. He focused on highlighting bipartisan themes and provisions that seem unifying to the majority of Americans: progress, security, strength, success, freedom; while masking areas of reasonable contention and calling upon Congress to act in blind, unquestioning faith (which seems to be this demagogue's favorite American value).

He moved on to reassure Americans that his administration has been successful in the war on terror, boasting about a number of al-Qaida and terrorist captures, including Saddam. He emphasized America's determination in many countries, including the diplomatic victory of negotiations with Libya over weapons of mass destruction, proving that he is capable of a foreign policy success without military intervention when he feels it necessary. Or rather, when there is no political gain to be had at that moment for calling our armed forces to yet another battleground.

As we have come to expect, he addressed our involvement in Iraq early in the speech. Bush proposed a timeline for Iraqi democracy, making sure that surface success could be trumpeted just in time for the national election. He also dodged the issue of actual proof of WMDs in Iraq by

citing possible related programs documented in the Kay Report. He praised our allies in Iraq, a good amount of upstanding countries the size of Rhode Island, to counteract criticism that our efforts should be “internationalized.” He also paid lip service to the National Endowment for Democracy, knowing full well that in this budget crisis compounded by his tax cut, his proposal is unlikely.

Halfway through the address, Bush came to his domestic platform -- er agenda. As cameras captured a starkly divided Congress, with the right side of the aisle getting their week's worth of exercise, he began with the tax cut. Boasting about the many signs of natural economic recovery, Bush attributed the much-awaited positive observations to the tax plan which has created a fiscal crisis from the federal treasury down to the city budget offices. As Ted Kennedy looked like his head would soon pop off, Bush requested his tax scheme be made permanent.

Next came the “No Child Left Behind Act.” Since Bush only authorized about half of the federal resources requested and necessary for his aggressive education plan, it seems that many children have been left behind. One of the best propositions of the night came through his overture of “Jobs for the 21st Century.” This much-needed program will practically train middle school and high school students, and provide professional examples that would better prepare young students for careers. We sincerely hope that this administration plans on funding it.

Bush continued to call for reform to halt the incredible numbers of “frivolous” lawsuits that adversely affect the medical community and insurance rates. This is an issue, however, that must be scrutinized. Bush's track record with due process and other bothersome civil liberties may extend to affect America's right to petition the court for redress of wrongs.

President Bush also briefly mentioned his proposed immigration reform. Within this new system, illegal immigrants who come forward and admit their status may be granted temporary worker status. Of course, there are no guarantees that these workers would not simply be deported following the expiration of these permits. The president's plan simply will not work, as illegal immigrants, already wary of the American bureaucracy, would likely not expose themselves to eventual deportation. This is no pathway to legalization or to citizenship.

The president did a fine job of *describing* the recent Medicare reforms which allow limited assistance to seniors who require prescription drugs. It is interesting however, when one considers that Bush had nearly nothing to do with the benefits' birth. This was a measure drafted and debated over in the Congress. Bush's involvement with the bill was limited to his signature, of which he is quite proud.

Our president also seems concerned about health insurance. His alarm is understandable, as 2.4 million Americans have lost health insurance since he took office. We are doubtful, though, that the president's desire to computerize medical records and limit malpractice suits will make a large stride towards providing medical care to the 43 million uninsured Americans.

President Bush made clear his not-so-compassionate conservative stances on social issues towards the end of his speech. The president plans to double funding for abstinence programs in high schools. His complete refusal to acknowledge any other method of sex education highlights his inability to understand today's youth.

The president further revealed his medieval worldview as he discussed the prospect of same-sex marriages. He has stated that we as a society should not discriminate against people based on their sexual orientation. However, should two

men or two women choose to express their love in marriage, their lives would be an attack on the institution of marriage itself. Surely this would erode the very fabric of our society. President Bush argues that “activist judges” ought not to redefine marriage. However that is just what the president is trying to do. By touting the threat of a constitutional amendment, the president is enforcing his personal view of marriage upon the American people. These judges of whom he speaks (presumably the Massachusetts court which just recently declared same-sex marriages legal) are guilty only of trying to remove unfair restrictions placed with the clear intention of marginalizing a segment of our society. The president seems content to keep homosexuals from “mainstream society” in order to placate his conservative base.

The president's address amounted to little more than a “State of the Campaign” speech. The president recited a young girl's letter expressing her desire to “save our country.” Her hope is commendable. He advises her to do well in school -- important because should her test scores fall below average, her school will lose federal funding thanks to the president's rigid education policy. He advises her to help someone in need -- perhaps she can pick up the slack left by this administration which cares little for the skyrocketing unemployment rates. The president guarantees her that he and the Congress will live up to their end of the bargain by keeping her and all other Americans “safe and free.” Presumably, he does not include those American citizens whose rights and freedoms are trampled upon daily by the Patriot Act. We would encourage her that should she truly wish to save our country, to save her own future, she should ask her parents to cast their votes to help send President George Bush back to Texas.

Iraq war aftermath proving Bush was right

It has become fashionable of late to declare the Iraq war unjustified. The main thrust of this argument is as follows: 1) We went to war to stop an immediate weapons of mass destruction threat posed to us in Iraq. 2) There are no weapons of mass destruction. 3) Therefore, the Iraq war was unjustified and Bush is an idiot. This mentality pervades movies like *Uncovered*:

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FESTA'S RANT

The Whole Truth about the Iraq War to the anti-Bush rhetoric from Howard Dean and John Kerry.

This simple yet persuasive argument has convinced many on the far left (and right). The argument is, of course, complete and total nonsense. What seems to be missing from this argument is any semblance of a clue as to what post-9/11 reality is like.

Everyone knows that al-Qaida is responsible for 9/11 (except, perhaps, for Howard Dean). We know that 19 terrorists were able to take over four planes with box cutter knives and kill 3,000 people.

Looked at as an isolated offense, the response seems to lend itself towards simply hunting down the terrorist organizations and bringing people like Osama bin Laden to justice.

Yet this is misleading to the extreme. What fails to go unmentioned is that

terrorist organizations like al-Qaida have been plotting and are plotting against the United States.

They have attacked the World Trade Center twice, they have attacked our troops in Somalia, bombed the U.S.S. Cole and two of our embassies.

Terrorist attacks continue to occur around the world. Furthermore, we know that these terrorist organizations are attempting to acquire weapons of mass destruction. This fact is both undeniable and scary.

With weapons of mass destruction, our country can be attacked with a result that would dwarf 9/11. The question facing our leaders today is not simply to hunt down the terrorists, but how to prevent them from acquiring weapons that would allow them to murder thousands of innocent citizens.

It turns out that the easiest way to acquire these weapons is through nation states like Iran, Iraq, North Korea, etc. These countries are more than willing to sell these weapons to our enemies. The problem facing our country is that these outlaw regimes are refusing to disarm and allow full *unfettered* inspections.

How then do we get them to comply? Well, our job has not been made easy due to our laziness with dealing with countries like Iraq. Since the first Persian Gulf War, 17 U.N. resolutions have been passed attempting to force Saddam to comply with our terms. He did not.

If one actually reads the David Kay report, he will note that Saddam had never gotten rid of his weapons of mass destruction programs. Saddam allowed his country to

starve under strict economic sanctions with hopes of quickly reconstituting his programs when the embargo was lifted. There is no arguing with this position.

So what did our previous policy get us? Well, it looks like it did prevent Saddam from *fully* reconstituting his weapons of mass destruction. I'll grant the anti-war opponents that much. But what did this cost us? We know he never gave up his programs, that he was biding his time to fully reconstitute it.

Furthermore, we also know that the sanctions were failing. Countries like France were actively attempting to undermine the sanctions and cow tow to the Butcher of Baghdad.

In order to continue any semblance of containment, we would have had to continue to starve the people of Iraq and keep the country mired in poverty under a murderous tyrant. And the anti-war people want the moral high ground?

Bush never claimed that we should wait until an “immediate threat” was present. In fact, in his State of the Union speech in 2003, he chided that exact position. I quote the president in full: “Some have said we must not act until the threat is imminent. Since when have terrorists and tyrants announced their intentions, politely putting us on notice before they strike? If this threat is permitted to fully and suddenly emerge, all actions, all words, and all recriminations would come too late. Trusting in the sanity and restraint of Saddam Hussein is not a strategy, and it is not an option.”

Some will point out that other countries

like Iran, North Korea and Libya have more fully developed weapons programs. True. But that was part of the rationale for going to war with Iraq in the first place.

When attempting to negotiate with outlaw regimes, how are we to expect to get any sort of cooperation out of them when they know that any U.N. resolutions passed against them are a joke? How will we find out the extent of their weapons programs if we are unwilling to use force as a viable threat against them?

The anti-war folks simplify this war as a one-time strategy to be played with Saddam. It isn't. We must play this game over and over again with outlaw regimes that refuse to discontinue their weapons programs.

And it's working. Thanks to the war, Libya and Iraq are undergoing unfettered inspections. Now that inspectors are able to actually do their job, we can see where our intelligence is weak and what programs we missed.

Take this following informative (but scary) remark on Libya's weapons program. “What was found in Libya marks a new stage in proliferation. Libya was buying what was available. And what is available, the centrifuges are close to turnkey facilities.

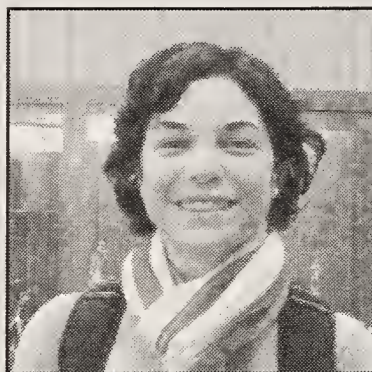
That's a new challenge. Libya was buying something that's ready to wear.” Perhaps we can use this new intelligence when assessing the threats posed by other regimes like North Korea and Iran?

Thank God those in power are listening to the light of reason and morality and not the utter lunacy of the anti-war crowd.

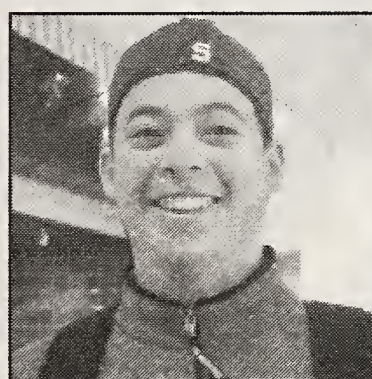
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By LISA DELAURENTIS AND KAT TAYLOR



"I'd buy you a house."
Sarah Dean '04
Theology



"I'd buy a yacht."
Kevin Lane '06
Business



"I'd quit!"
Tia
Primo's



"Throw a big party."
Katherine Minahan '07
History



"I'd get it exchanged all into coins, put it in a swimming pool and jump in like Scrooge McDuck."
Kristen McKeegan '04
Philosophy/History

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If you would like to be in On The Quad, find Lisa and Kat on the Quad, Thursdays at 1:30 p.m.

Howard Dean: To New Hampshire and beyond

With just over a month until the Maryland and New York presidential primary elections, Pennsylvania and New Jersey following soon after, it's about time for Loyola students to start getting serious about the candidates who seek to challenge President Bush in November. Over the next few weeks, I'd like to offer Loyola a little insight into the front runners in the Democratic battle - who they are, what they're about, and what kind of chance they have of winning this thing.

JASMINE JENKINS

Given the events of the past week, I think it's only appropriate to dedicate this, the first in a series of articles, to Howard Dean. Ever since the results of Iowa's Democratic caucus on Monday were calculated people can't stop asking one question: What was Howard Dean thinking? The former Vermont governor placed third in the caucus and afterward gave a very unique "concession" speech.

In case you missed it when it originally aired or when it was replayed on every network and cable television channel, the radio and the Internet, here's the highlight:

Dean came on-stage at his campaign headquarters in Des Moines, Iowa, throwing his fist in the air and shouting, "Not only are we going to New Hampshire, we're going to South Carolina and Arizona and North Dakota and New Mexico, and we're going to California and Texas and New York. And we're going to South Dakota and Oregon and Washington and Michigan. And then we're going to Washington, D.C. to take back the White House!" And then he let out what can only be described as a yelp that one would expect to hear from a forest animal in a great deal of pain: "YAAAAARRRRHHHH!"

He then proceeded to list the states of his contenders, implying that he would take them too. Immediately, a media storm surrounded the event, describing Dean as volatile, angry and lacking self-control. After the criticisms -- and jokes -- die down, however, we should try to take a more objective look at Dean's actions. At the end of a fairly disappointing day, he walked into a room of 3,500 exhausted, yet still enthusiastic 20-something campaign workers who were waving American flags and chanting his name. Commenting on the speech, Dean said, "It was a pretty emotional, pretty terrific scene. They worked

their hearts out for three weeks. I thought I owed them everything I had, and I gave it everything I had."

It is exactly this raw enthusiasm that draws youthful Democrats to Dean. Despite his recently dwindling support from middle-aged Democrats, which began to decline even before the Iowa caucus, Dean continues to maintain a stronghold with young voters. In addition to his charisma, Dean's progressive agenda, which includes universal health care for every American under 25, equal rights for same-sex couples and limitation of the Patriot Act, is a major part of his appeal.

Additionally, Dean continues to stress the fact that he, unlike a few of his fellow candidates, did not support the war in Iraq.

Despite recent polls, which show Dean steadily losing support in New Hampshire, all is not lost. If nothing else, the Iowa caucus proved that this year's Democratic presidential nomination is not promised to any candidate, and today's primary may hold a few surprises.

Primaries:

N.Y. primaries -- Tuesday, March 2
Md. primaries -- Tuesday, March 2
Pa. primaries -- Tuesday, April 27
N.J. primaries -- Tuesday, June 8

Somewhere over the rainbow politics are funny

A sign on campus caught my eye the other day:

"Dear Loyola, Don't worry about your friend Saddam. Being captured ain't so bad. This beard was really starting to itch, and your soldiers gave me free dental work. And they're going to let me watch your President speak on TV. I'm sure he will gloat about capturing me. Maybe you should watch. Sincerely, The Butcher of Baghdad."

Exclamation point, smiley face, stamped and approved by Loyola's Political Science Honor Society.

MEGGINNETTY

This advertisement was meant to be taken lightly -- your average "Weekend Update" on "Saturday Night Live," according to senior Matt Fischer.

By targeting students on an allegedly apathetic campus, Matt and other members of the honor society were trying to boost awareness of last Tuesday's State of the Union address by pointing out that "politics can be funny."

But should it be?

In my experience -- traveling a few corners past Coldspring Lane to a place called Belgium -- the answer is no. I spent last year, a period of unusual geopolitical turmoil, studying at Leuven's Katholieke Universiteit.

When I wasn't drinking in the Belgian brews and lingering European sunsets, I was (studying, of course) and traveling to 13 Western and Eastern European countries, which provided many opportunities to speak with people who offer political perspectives slightly different from American college honor societies.

One journey stands out in my memory as the apex of my non-academic career; a situation which has shaped my identity as an American citizen and mere human being. My story begins in Ireland, on the day I toured the Ring of Kerry while my country waged war on Iraq. Never before have beauty and horror engaged in such blatant battle to determine the outcome of a single day.

March 20, 2003: My legs are dangling over Sleat Head, the westernmost tip of Ireland. I'm staring into seas so turquoise

my 21st Century mind suspects that they must be digitally enhanced.

I'm wondering if my great-grandmother ever sat here -- if she ever wanted to be a writer, if she ever longed to see the other side of the Atlantic. I'm sensing my smallness perched atop this precipice, and I'm falling swiftly over the cliffs, in love with Ireland.

Falling ... Baghdad is also falling. I'm nestled safely under a soft pink comforter in an Irish B&B, and my eyes are very much open as I watch CNN's incessant coverage of "Shock and Awe" (with much of the former and little of the latter). As Donald Rumsfeld describes the "impressive missiles" that pound with such "precision" at the Iraqi capital, his image grows smaller and the smoke swirling through Baghdad looms larger and pinker. It's the same color as the clouds in Ireland, the same shade as my comforter.

I sense my smallness again, but this time a sad and helpless smallness. A far-away-from-my-country smallness.

A few hours later I'll try to take my mind off things with a perfunctory round of dancing in a Killarney bar. For perhaps the first time in my life I will feel acutely self-conscious of my nationality, embarrassed of being a citizen of that superpower. This feeling will be further reinforced when an elderly gentleman will chide me for being a "damn Yank and friend of Tony Blair too, I bet," and pretend to spit in my pint of Guinness.

My American friends and some newfound Irish companions will successfully diffuse the situation and eventually help boost my mood, but somewhere inside I will realize that the events of this day have changed me in some enduring way. Nothing will ever be exactly as it had been before...

On March 20, 2003, a sense of chauvinistic innocence was lost, but at the same time a more global, inclusive vision was born -- one that stretches far past the lines (and limitations) of a Loyola College education.

Today I recognize the importance, the absolute necessity, of pursuing an ongoing honest dialogue about the war and about my country with persons from different cultures.

I sense that there is wisdom to be gleaned

on the colloquial level which promises to be closer to the truth than the often glib jingoism coming out of Washington as well as the governmental spin machines of allies, adversaries, and American college honor societies alike.

It is essential that citizens establish dialogue and visit each other's worlds. Our non-spectacular but nevertheless important efforts to discover each other and map out our common humanity hold the most promise in a world where we have become too instinctively afraid of otherness, of foreign ideas and dreams.

I realize with great gratitude that there could be no better time than now to smear the often juvenile perceptions college students have of what it means to be American, of what it is means to come to grips with the reality of war. It's not pretty or poetic -- it's not even "funny," as some would like to believe -- but it's absolutely necessary.

I have one more story.

March 21, 2003: The next morning I make eye contact with an Irish man who seems to be eyeing me warily as I purchase *The Irish Times* from his corner news stand.

As I survey the front page photos of demolished buildings and orphaned children, I think I sense his unspoken condemnation -- or is it, I wonder, just my guilty projection. In any event, I find an apology forming on my lips: I'm sorry for the sins of my country, I want to say. I'm sorry that in me you see America and you shudder.

The man clicks his tongue a few times and looks me up and down. And before I can actually say anything, he offers the prescient observation: "Well, it's not your fault, now, is it?"

No, it's not. And not his either or that of the slain Iraqis or American G.I.s. It is, however, our shared responsibility to open up better lines of communication, take more notice, take more interpersonal risks, challenge stereotypes and understand our cultural and religious differences as boundaries, not barricades.

"You don't seem so bad," he adds with a smile.

"You're not so bad yourself, sir," I add as I turn to begin my first full post-innocent, but hopeful day.

Confessions of a first-time Greyhound columnist

An opinions piece. Eight hundred words or less. Where should I start? I feel like there's so much to write about. Maybe a nasty polemic against whomever is trying to tear down the school by making fun of it on that website "LCDogballs." They'll probably just make fun of me. I'll probably think it's funny. Man, I'm hungry. Why am I even writing for *The Greyhound*? I'm a second semester senior. I guess I figured I had something to say.

BRIAN MARANA

Hmmm I need something novel, something new. I'll write about diversity! It's been an entire week since anything's been mentioned about it, and I am the diversity guy after all. Or *was*, I suppose I should say. There's always the issue of school spirit. Oh, and people haven't complained about Primo's prices for a while.

I've been sitting here for half an hour. Break time. I think there's a beer in the fridge.

There were two, actually. Well one, now. Okay. Time to get to it. An unabashed plug for the China study abroad program? Not a bad idea. Except every time I talk about China, I feel like people are thinking, "Well of course you went to China." And so whether that's what they're thinking or not, I feel some odd compulsion to introduce my experience by saying, "And I'm not even Chinese! I didn't know anything about China! Neither my parents, nor my brothers, nor anyone I'm distantly close to even knows a word of Chinese! I don't know if I had ever had Chinese food! I mean, my

family doesn't even know what a China is! See, I'm Filipino, and Filipinos aren't Chinese." I spend half my time distancing myself from China, as if to imply that I held some intense phobia for China that could be cured only by going there.

No. No talking about China.

I wonder what meetings I have tomorrow? I should meet with Frank in the morning to talk to him about my resignation -- a meeting to talk about the meetings I'm not going to be attending. The College Diversity Committee is meeting at 12:15. Then, the LCSDC meets at 12:30 to discuss how the funds from the SAPC might be channeled through RAC and SGA in order to reimburse ALANA for its support of the newly formed PAEC. Then I have that meeting with Campus Ministry. We're meeting to discuss when a good meeting time would be to figure out when our regular meetings will be. Hey, maybe I'll talk about meetings.

That would be awful.

Is it too early to start writing those cheesy advice columns to the freshmen? "Of all the advice I can give to you, remember to be yourself. Be the change you want to see in the world. Tomorrow is the first day of the rest of your life. Remember to aim for the moon. That way if you miss, you'll land among the stars."

I've run out of cute little sayings.

Maybe something nostalgic. "I remember walking around the dorm in Hammerman. Everyone had their doors open, and everyone was so friendly. We had Rooties and 723. Napster was unregulated. Snood was the best game ever. We had no cares in the world -- no majors to declare, no

internships to mind, no futures to determine. Milk and honey flowed from our faucets, and life was so wonderful and grand."

Maybe I'll write about the process of writing.

Maybe that would be pretentious.

Ten years of Jesuit education and I now have ... 585 words about nothing. Those Jesuits should be proud. Okay, back to the basics. My high school writing teacher had a couple of simple rules. He liked to keep it simple.

"No clichés," he insisted. Okay, simple

enough. I'll just stick to the truth. Except that sometimes the truth hurts. And some people can't handle the truth.

"Avoid colloquial language." That's really good advice. It's like, people don't want to read something that they could just, like, hear someone saying. You know?

"Don't bore people talking about yourself," he warned. "No one likes an egomaniac."

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I think I hear that other beer calling my name.

THUMBS

BY SYDNEY WILSON



Boulder Sandwiches -- It doesn't get any better than the veggie hoagie on wheat bread. Well, not counting when Michael Bolton sings "When a Man Loves a Woman."

Cell phones -- Not just a communication necessity, they can get you out of awkward moments, a la pretending to be on the phone when you run into someone you were hoping to avoid.

Classless Fridays -- Now that I only have four classes I can use the day off to do more meaningful things such as sleeping until three in the afternoon and watching tapes of "Sex and the City."

Trimspa -- If this new diet aid can help the disaster that is Anna Nicole Smith there must be something to it. She used to be a giant shell of her former self and now she is a *slightly* thinner shell of her former self.



Uggs -- Which came first: the hooker boot or the Ugg? From the root word "ugly," these shoes are the slap bracelets of 2004. Is it just me or has this monstrosity of a footwear trend gotten ridiculously out of control? Since when do Thor's boots match everything from mini-skirts to jeans? Oh yea, they don't. Take the hint.

On-campus mailboxes -- These suckers are harder to get into than the Neverland ranch if you are over 12 years old.

Crowded bars on York Rd. -- For anyone who doesn't have time to go to the gym you can get a good cardio workout elbowing your way through the masses to order a drink. Nothing says class more than going to a hole-in-the-wall bar just to hang out with people drunk that you can't stand sober.

Howard Dean -- Good job acting like a lunatic after a tough loss in Iowa. Ranting and fist-shaking is sure to get you votes...psycho.

Do you like Josh? Then you'll love his thumbs!

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Know your role at Craig's

"I said it once before and it bears repeating now..." -- the White Stripes.

You may be wondering what topic I feel deserves so much attention that this is the second time it will grace my column. I won't keep you waiting: underclassmen in Craig's.

KIM COUGHLIN



COUGHLIN'S LAW

Now that you're done groaning about how I need to let this go, feel free to stop reading the article if you don't want to hear what I have to say. However, I have changed my mind on some aspects of this argument and have been swayed to agree on other things.

For example, there was once a very drunk girl who said to me in line for the bathroom; "Nobody owns Craig's." Now contrary to the obvious answer of, "Actually, Jeff does," I have to say that I agree with her in the sense that no one class owns Craig's, and that includes the senior class.

Shocking, but true. I am acknowledging that you can't keep people from trying to get into what I once stubbornly referred to as a Senior Bar. So now that I have made it clear that my old prejudices against those who are underage have gone a little slack, I would like to ask one favor. Could the senior class simply have one night a week that is ours? Wednesday nights are Senior Mug Nights. Our class year is in the title.

Adults always say to pick your battles and so I have. I have given up the idea of the senior bar, but Wednesday nights being exclusively for seniors are something that I'm sticking with.

I don't go to freshmen retreats. I promise not to crash the junior formal with my

friends. All I ask in return is that underclassmen stay out of senior events. There are always exceptions to this rule. All of your friends are seniors and they take you along, sure. Your sibling is a senior and this is the last semester you two have together, okay, totally understandable. It's kind of like needing a key to get into Bungalow 8. In this scenario the underclassman's key is a senior.

This past Wednesday, between the PDAs and the vomiting going on with the sophomores who were in attendance, I didn't know which was more out of control. The PDAs made me want to vomit and the vomit made me wish I were drunk enough to not notice the PDAs. A younger girl was actually kicked out because she was such a mess.

Last Tuesday people actually cheered when a group of underclassmen were rejected from the almost empty-bar. If people are that glad to see you go, is that a place you really want to be?

I'm not going to deny that I'm a bitter senior who wishes they could go back to sophomore year. That's plain to see, but going back to being a sophomore would mean going back to Swallows (okay, so I already do that part), back to respecting upperclassmen (which I should still do because respect for your peers is key), and back to knowing that when I finally was a senior, I'd be able to appreciate all that I waited for a whole lot more.

My younger friends are not exempt from my rants either. I love seeing them out, but they all know very well if they see me out at Craig's that they are going to have to hear it (especially on a Wednesday night).

So please don't take this as me being elitist or on a power trip or anything. I think what I'm requesting is reasonable; one night a week where seniors can hang out as one group. Thank you in advance.

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POLL QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Who do you think will win the Super Bowl?

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- The New England Patriots
- The Carolina Panthers
- E-A-G-L-E-S ... I still believe
- I only pay attention to the commercials

Last week's poll: (results not scientific)
Where do you plan to live after college?

- At home. I'll be unemployed. (29%)
- On my own. I'm an accounting major. (29%)
- Abroad. Maybe teaching in Thailand. (26%)
- Don't know, don't care. (17%)



LAUREN WAKAL/GREYHOUND

A Loyola student awaits a player's bet before he continues to deal.

LC PUTS ON ITS POKER FACE

Texas Hold'Em invades Loyola

BY MATTHEW MONTEMURNO
STAFF WRITER

The flop, the turn, the river: all terms that have become popular buzzwords on college campuses, in pool halls and in casinos across the country with the recent explosion of No Limit Texas Hold'Em.

Last weekend, Loyola found itself caught up in the poker craze as the class of 2005 and the Office of Student Activities sponsored the first ever Greyhound Texas Hold'Em Tournament in McGuire Hall.

Roughly 180 Loyola students, faculty and poker aficionados attended the event, which spanned Friday and Saturday nights. The contestants were broken down into tables of seven players each. The winner from each table then moved on to the second round where there were four tables of six people and finally to the final round of eight players at one table.

The \$20 entry fee went toward the grand prize, a choice between an all-expense paid spring break trip to Acapulco or a gift certificate worth \$3,500 to Best Buy. The prize was determined by the number of people who entered the tournament.

Many of the players took the competition very seriously, sporting their best poker faces, sunglasses and distractions like funny hats or outfits to unnerve their opponents. The trash talk was out in full force as well. Others were just there for fun and many were playing the game for the first time.

The hallmark event was deemed a success by tournament organizers. Mark Broderick, director of Student Activities, joked that the tournament "may be the college's newest way to form a male bonding retreat."

Broderick was pleased with the turnout, and



LAUREN WAKAL/GREYHOUND

McGuire Hall was packed with poker aficionados at Loyola's first Texas Hold'Em Tournament.

Baltimore harbors new M&S Grill

BY LAURA GLEASON
ARTS & SOCIETY EDITOR

There is only one thing missing from most of the restaurants that line Baltimore's Inner Harbor. Sure, they've all got a great view of the water, decent food and nice atmosphere, but none of them take reservations, which means you may be waiting anywhere from 20 minutes (at the less-popular places) to three hours (at the Cheesecake Factory) to be seated.

At the M&S Grill, the fact that you can make reservations is just one thing that makes this new harborplace eatery worth the trip.

Located at the end of the Pratt St. pavilion, the M&S Grill occupies the space vacated by Planet Hollywood two years ago. The Grill is a spin-off of its parent franchise, McCormick & Schmick, whose popular seafood restaurants are located in several cities along the East Coast.

The décor of the restaurant is one of its highlights: deep wood paneling, mahogany

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Butler chronicles her life as a writer

BY MIKE MEMOLI
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The first time Octavia Butler came to Baltimore, it took her three days aboard a Greyhound bus cross country from her home in California. She stayed in a cheap hotel and walked endlessly both here and on the Eastern Shore as she researched her novel *Kindred*, which 25 years later is still considered a masterpiece.

Butler shared this and many other personal stories as she returned to Baltimore to deliver Loyola's 11th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Convocation, sponsored by the Office of Academic Affairs and Diversity, ALANA Services, the Department of Communication and Education for Life.

Butler, whose awards include the McArthur Foundation's Genius Grant, focused on her personal story and development as a writer in the address. The tone was much different than last year's more political address by Ellis Cose, but one that struck a chord with the capacity crowd in McGuire Hall.

Kindred documents the incredible events surrounding a young woman who travels back in time to a plantation in Maryland where her family once worked as slaves. There, Dana tries to save the plantation

owner who would eventually give birth to her ancestors.

"[*Kindred's* success] was something of a surprise. I thought it was a throwaway novel," Butler said.

The science fiction author has written dozens of stories that use the supernatural to tell the reader something about our own world. *Kindred* was actually written in

response to a comment from one of her peers, who said he would have like to kill African Americans who "held us back for so long."

"I wanted to write a book that made slavery as real to him as I could," she said.

For more on the address and excerpts from an interview, visit www.loyola.greyhound.com.



LAUREN WAKAL/GREYHOUND

Award-winning author Octavia E. Butler addresses the crowd at the 11th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Convocation last week.

Days Away moves a few days closer

BY JASON LAM
STAFF WRITER

Sure, the city of Philadelphia is probably still mourning their third failed attempt at making it to the Super Bowl, but there is some light at the end of the tunnel. No, it's not in the form of a first round draft choice, but rather four skinny white boys in a band called Days Away.

MUSICREVIEW

From the outskirts of Philly, in the small town of Langhorne, Keith Goodwin and company have been courted heavily by major/indie record labels for the last two years. Their 2001 debut EP, *The Feel Of It*, was sharply riding the coattails of the "emo" wave. A favorite of critics and fans alike, Days Away has been more patient with their music than Nick Lachey is with Jessica Simpson on "The Newlyweds."

As a testament to their musical value, major label A&R reps began coming to lead singer Goodwin's house for dinner to try to lure the young band (no one is older than 21) to a contract. After parting ways with original drummer Matt

Haines, Days Away marched on and signed a deal with major label Lava Records in the winter of 2003.

Almost two full years since the release of *The Feel Of It*, Days Away has self-released a tour EP showcasing new material and arguably, a new band.

The LSD EP, which is sold only on tour, is a testament to the maturity of a band that is barely old enough to drink alcohol. If there was any doubt that they would be lumped into the parody-of-a-genre known as "emo," then this was their way of saying, "no thanks."

This six-song teaser introduces a re-energized rhythm section, courtesy of the move of Tim Arnold from keyboardist to drummer. The soft and delicate vocals of Goodwin demonstrate that it's possible and also advantageous to not whine or scream and still sound fairly genuine.

The first track, "Stay the Same," is a changing of the guard in terms of musical direction, which was a major motivation for the change in the band's line-up. Swinging from branches of falsetto vocals to lush sonic harmonies, this is a

welcome mat to both new and veteran fans.

The only track reminiscent of Days Away from *The Feel Of It* era is on "God and Mars." This energetic and uptempo track begins and ends in a little over two minutes.

Children of the 80s like myself were probably raised on a healthy dose of bands like the Beach Boys. Well, like a young Brian Wilson, Goodwin and company travel back to the 1960s with their infectious pop.

"God and Mars" is probably the best display of Goodwin's vocal range on the entire EP. He is loud without being obnoxious and his back-up harmonies are hauntingly beautiful. It is around the fourth track, "Ideas," that the emergence of Tim Arnold's drumming builds momentum.

Days Away has not been touted for complicated songwriting, but Arnold's unique jazz drumming might very well change that. "It Happens" showcases the lyrically introspective side of Goodwin.

"I forced it down/cause I haven't cared about anyone/and they found me out because they know I haven't cared at all." Days Away finishes off *The LSD EP* with



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Philadelphia-based band Days Away hits the mainstream with their latest project, *The LSD EP*.

a beautiful, drum-intense, instrumental track, "T.Kline's Decline."

If you're still not convinced after five blistering tracks that Tim Arnold has raised the level of musicianship in Days Away, then this final track leaves absolutely

no room for doubt.

Days Away is a precocious young rock band that has only hinted at their potential. Only time will tell if they can carry this momentum on their major label debut, which they have started recording this month.

Burton reinvents the modern fairytale in *Big Fish*

Tim Burton's new movie, *Big Fish*, explores the thin line between fairy tales and memoirs.

Edward Bloom is the veritable "big man on campus" in the tiny

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town of Ashton. His stories are long, fantastical and the entire town could recite them word for word by the time his son starts a family of his own. As Edward Bloom's cancer starts getting the better of him, his son Will (Billy Crudup) flies back from France with his pregnant wife Josephine (Marion Cotillard) to try to learn the truth about his father's life.

As Will digs deeper into his father's past, he learns that while his father had a hidden and secretive side to him that Will never knew about and not all his tales were farfetched.

The casting choices are interesting. Ewan McGregor plays the young Edward Bloom seen in flashbacks. I personally would not have thought a Scotsman would be the obvious choice to play an American southerner, but he pulls it off admirably. His accent, though tiring by the end of the movie, was actually very well done.

Albert Finney (*Tom Jones*, *Traffic*) plays the dying Edward Bloom.

Jessica Lange is great as usual as Edward's wife, Sandra, in the present-day, while Alison Lohman (*White Oleander*) does a surprisingly good job as the young Sandra. Robert Guillaume, who has suffered several strokes, is a testament to advances in physical

therapy as the kindly Dr. Bennett.

Bloom encounters strange, interesting people in his travels. Matthew McGrory (*House of A Thousand Corpses*) looms over everyone as Karl, the friendly giant. Ada and Arlene Tai share the role of two-headed singer Ping and Jing. Danny DeVito is charming as usual, in the surprisingly under-advertised role of

Amos Calloway, the ringmaster.

Steve Buscemi is his usual eerie self as Norther Winslow, Ashton's most famous poet and financial mogul. Helena Bonham Carter (*Fight Club*) gives perhaps the best performance, doing double duty as the witch -- whose glass eye shows you your death -- and Jenny as an odd young woman from a strange town who has held a candle for Edward since age 10.

It's no surprise critics have been touting *Big Fish* as Tim Burton's masterpiece. The film is visually stunning. The happiest flashbacks have an ethereal glow. Scenes like Karl the giant pushing Jenny's house back into alignment and the first time Bloom walks into Specter have the fantasy feeling rarely recreated outside of Disney cartoons.

One of the most memorable scenes is the first time young Edward sees young Sandra. As Edward first lays eyes on Sandra, time stops. A thrown box of popcorn hangs in the air between them. As Edward walks through stopped time, he pushes the popcorn out of the way like the thin flaps of an invisible tent. The moment is captured perfectly, and will no doubt be one of the clips Burton is best remembered for.

The film is undecided about its intended audience. There is a PG-

13 rating despite the lack of sex, violence and bad language. The flashbacks are impeccable, but the present-day scenes are lacking. The difference in happiness between the present and the past seems a bit extreme to subject young kids to. At the same time, the tall tale storytelling voiceovers of the flashbacks seem aimed a bit too young.

The happiest flashbacks are borderline cartoons, but the more serious ones -- Edward's days in the army, returning to the shattered remains of Specter -- seem a little too jarring for the youngest children in the audience. Perhaps a slightly tighter script or a slightly more critical eye in transitions would have tightened the movie tremendously.

One of the weakest points of the story is the raw deal Will Bloom gets throughout the film. While Edward may be admired enough by the town to humor his ultra-repetitive story telling, it is perfectly understandable that his son may find it tiring after awhile. Also, after so many stories, regardless of which ones are real or to what degree, it is also understandable that Will, being more of a realist than a dreamer, feels estranged from his father.

While Will uncovers hints here and there, all entirely by coincidence, that his father's stories were not all bedtime stories, not a lot about his father's actual existence is revealed. Will takes a lot of grief from his father, his fiancée, and his mother for being rightfully inquisitive.

Also, the small amount of

evidence to back up his father's stories does not seem to be enough for the cynical, closed off Will to make a 180 quite so quickly. Some of this, obviously, is due to his emotional state due to his father's poor health. But a bit more concrete evidence or a slower breakdown of Will's ironclad resentment would have fleshed out his character.

Big Fish is one of the best movies of the season. Fairy tales will never go out of style, and in the midst of the last few holiday-themed flops, airhead teenybopper comedies,

and three-hour epics, *Big Fish* is a welcome change.

Its shortcomings are easily forgiven while getting lost in the world of Edward Bloom. *The Nightmare Before Christmas* and *Beetlejuice* will always be my top two Tim Burton movies; *Big Fish* now runs a very close third.



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Scottish actor Ewan McGregor stars as the young Edward Bloom in director Tim Burton's most recent whimsical film project, *Big Fish*.

M&S Grill offers patrons finest of food and service

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furnishings, hunter green walls and soft leather booths make the space cozy and intimate. Add the mood lighting and vintage Frank Sinatra wafting through the air and you just might think you're on the set of *The Godfather*.

M&S Grill's attention to detail is what I found most appealing. They print their menus everyday -- once at lunch and again at dinner -- to reflect the fresh ingredients they receive daily. The fresh fish and meat selections change accordingly, but many of the other dishes remain standard from day to day.

The service is incredible, which makes the dining experience that much more enjoyable. The waiter began by introducing himself and launched into a spiel about the M&S Grill and its features. Informative, but I could see it getting a little annoying around the third time you eat there. The waitstaff checks back but doesn't hover, and a manager and the executive chef will visit your table to assure you that they can create you anything you like or make any substitutions to any of their dishes.

The food is traditional American with a twist. Patrons can choose from standard appetizers like spinach and artichoke dip, crab cakes or shrimp cocktail or make it a little interesting with the coconut shrimp or barbecued pork quesadilla.

I feel comfortable telling you that the French onion soup was the best I've had (and I love French onion soup). Tons of onions in a rich beef broth topped with sourdough bread and Gruyere and Parmesan cheeses made up this delicious dish. It's big, so keep that in mind -- you want to leave room for the rest of the meal.

The Grill offers an array of salads as both appetizers and meals. Traditional Caesar and green salads are joined by innovative combinations of foods featured in the blackened prime rib salad with bleu cheese, corn, olives and tomatoes and the warm shrimp and scallop salad with fontina cheese, bacon and herb vinaigrette.

The menu offers lighter fare in the form of a variety of sandwiches. My roommates tell me the M&S Grill Classic is a big hit, consisting of grilled ham and turkey in a Cajun barbeque sauce. They also have a lump crab cake sandwich and a traditional half-pound burger.

The menu boasts several cuts of meat including prime rib and filet mignon, chicken dishes that range from grilled chicken to chicken parmesan and a good selection of seafood.

I had the parmesan crusted yellowtail flounder, which was superb. The parmesan coating was crunchy but not overpowering and the fish was flaky, moist and delicious. It was served with mashed potatoes and grilled green and yellow squash. Another detail that sets the M&S Grill apart is that each dish comes with a different vegetable, a sign that each meal is individually made to order.

They also offer several pasta dishes including blackened chicken linguine, penne with salmon and wild mushrooms and traditional linguine bolognese.

Finally, the extensive dinner menu is rounded out with hometown favorites including meat loaf, chicken pot pie and pot roast. These dishes are the restaurant's specialty and I suggest anyone with a hankering for Mom's home cooking give them a try.



LAURA GLEASON/GREYHOUND

The rich, inviting decor of the M&S Grill is only one detail that makes this newest harborplace eatery a great spot for a night downtown.

Just looking at the dessert cart is enough to clog your arteries, but the sweet offerings are just as impressive as the rest of the meal. They offer staples like crème brûlée, chocolate cake and peach cobbler, as well as lighter offerings like fresh berries.

One of the great features about dessert is that they offer mini versions of many of them. The mini peach cobbler was about all I had room for after my meal. Roughly half the size of the regular dessert portion, it comes served the same way: hot and with a dollop of vanilla ice cream.

The M&S Grill is a little pricey, but well worth it, and most likely there's something for everyone to enjoy, even for people on a

budget.

The sandwiches, salads and burgers range in price from \$8.50 to \$14, the pasta dishes from \$13 to \$17 and the entrees from \$13 to \$30.

The M&S Grill is a great place to go for a birthday, a date, a girls' night out or really any other occasion you can think of. For the over 21 crowd, they feature a complete bar (complete with happy hour) and make every drink to order with their freshly squeezed juices. Word had it they have the best Cosmopolitan in town.

Cozy, relaxing and delicious, the M&S Grill should soon become a favorite in the Harbor.

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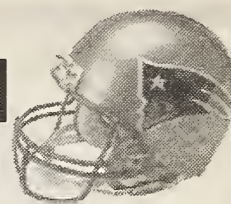
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Super Bowl XXXVIII

The Greyhound staff makes its predictions



The Super Bowl is going to be just like the World Series -- once the Yankees beat the Red Sox in the ALCS, the World Series was a letdown, and likewise once anyone knocks the Eagles out in the NFC Championship game for the third straight year, the Super Bowl is a letdown. But for those of you who care, the Patriots will win their second Super Bowl title in three years.

-- LAURA GLEASON, ARTS & SOCIETY EDITOR

As usual, the real winners of the Super Bowl will be the consumers. Although our teams let us down year after year, the advertisers and their colorful, shiny new commercials never fail to win over our wallets and our hearts.

-- CHELSEA HADDAWAY,
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

It is always a travesty when a team with the color teal in its ensemble is allowed to compete, much less succeed. Luckily for us, the Carolina Panthers are facing an opponent that not only sports more American colors, but has the best big-game quarterback, kicker and defense. The Pats' winning streak goes to 15.

-- JAMES DASILVA, COPY EDITOR

I don't know, but if Loyola was playing, we'd lose.

-- CHRISTINA SANTUCCI, NEWS EDITOR

My prediction is that Beyoncé's 20-minute bootylicious rendition of the national anthem will be usurped by Ms. Janet Jackson's halftime show.

-- ELLEN CAROLAN, GRAPHIC DESIGNER

I'm not looking forward to the game as much as the campus-wide e-mail Father Ridley will send out supporting the Panthers when the Patriots win.

-- KRISTY BURROUGHS, SASS EDITOR

I don't like either team, so I'm not excited about the Super Bowl at all. Come to think of it, I don't get excited about anything.

-- TONY PANELLA, OPINIONS EDITOR

Can you believe George Steinbrenner let Andy Pettitte go to Houston?

-- MIKE MEMOLI, EDITOR IN CHIEF

Patriots, baby! Nothing like watching a team that gets better when it's -30 degrees outside.

-- LIX GENCO, BUSINESS MANAGER

Mets, 6-5. I don't think Buckner has the knees to play first.

-- DOUG DRYER, ADVERTISING MANAGER

As the sports editor for *The Greyhound*, I feel obligated to make a somewhat serious pick, even though I haven't watched as much football this year because I am always in the Greyhound office all day long on Sunday.

Most experts are predicting a low-scoring game dominated by the two defenses, but since we know how often these "experts" are usually right, I'll go the other way. New England 41, Carolina 31. Come on, two former Giants defensive coordinators, we all witnessed how good Johnnie Lynn was this year for them.

-- PETE DAVIS, SPORTS EDITOR

LC Texas Hold'Em Tournament gets high marks from competitors

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especially pleased to see every class represented as well as a large number of faculty and staff at an event that had only been advertised since the return from winter break.

A great game for the novice poker player, Texas Hold'Em Poker is a relatively simple game. As opposed to other poker games like Omaha High or 7-card stud, which offer fewer opportunities to beat the odds, most anyone can learn to play Hold'Em in a matter of minutes and be pretty decent within the hour. Like any game, however, practice makes perfect and the more you play, the better you get.

Texas Hold'Em has also been deemed the new generation's game of poker by many familiar with the poker circuit. The game's easier concepts, fast pace and intense risk factor all make it appealing to the younger, flashier poker novice.

The game begins with the dealer shuffling a complete deck of cards and dealing each player two cards face down.

These cards are called the hole or pocket cards. The first round begins with opening bets. Like other variations of poker, the player may check, raise or fold at this point.

After the betting round ends, the dealer discards the top card of the deck and flips the next three cards face up on the table. These three cards are called the flop and are the first of the community cards. Any player can use these

cards in combination with the two cards they already have in their hand.

Another round of betting begins with the player to the left of the dealer. The dealer then burns another card and flips another onto the table. This is called the turn, and is the fourth community card.

Another round of betting follows, the dealer burns another card and flips the final community card, also known as the river. Players can now use any of the five cards on the table and/or the two cards in their hand to form a five card poker hand.

“When I realized that I had just won the whole tournament with that one hand I was in shock and had to sit back down as I couldn't feel my own legs. I could not believe I had just won.”

— Tom Caruso

Final bets are made and players either fold or call. This high-intensity round is called the showdown, when players reveal their hand and see who wins.

Texas Hold'Em has been popularized by the ESPN broadcast of the World Series of

Poker, which runs periodically on the sports network. The World Series of Poker boasts 839 players who compete over five days for a grand prize of \$2.5 million. Many college students watched as poker heavyweights competed in high stakes poker competition.

Other media outlets have been capitalizing on the popularity of Texas Hold'Em as well.

Cable television channel Bravo conducted its own Texas Hold'Em tournament featuring celebrities including Ben Affleck and David Schwimmer playing for respective charitable causes. NBC also plans to air “The Travel Channel World Poker Tour Battle of Champions” from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. opposite the Super Bowl this weekend. The Travel Channel also airs its own Texas Hold'Em Tournament weekly.

Loyola students seemed to enjoy the college's version of the tournament and were excited to see the game enter the mainstream of the college scene.

“I love poker, competition and winning prizes. This is the best on-campus event this school has sponsored and I hope there are more events like this to come,” said junior Kevin Zazzali.

Junior Kyle Langham summed up his round with a line from the movie *Rounders*, which arguably started the revival of Texas Hold'Em poker.

“You can't lose what you don't put in the middle ... but you can't win much either,” said Langham after he was ousted from the

How to Play No Limit Texas Hold'Em

- ♥ Dealer deals each player two cards face down (pocket cards)
- ♥ 1st Betting Round
- ♥ Dealer burns a card then turns over three community cards (the flop)
- ♥ 2nd Betting Round
- ♥ Dealer burns another card then turns over another community card (the turn)
- ♥ 3rd Betting Round
- ♥ Dealer burns another card and turns over final community card (the river)
- ♥ Last Betting Round
- ♥ The Showdown: remaining players show their hands with best hand showing first

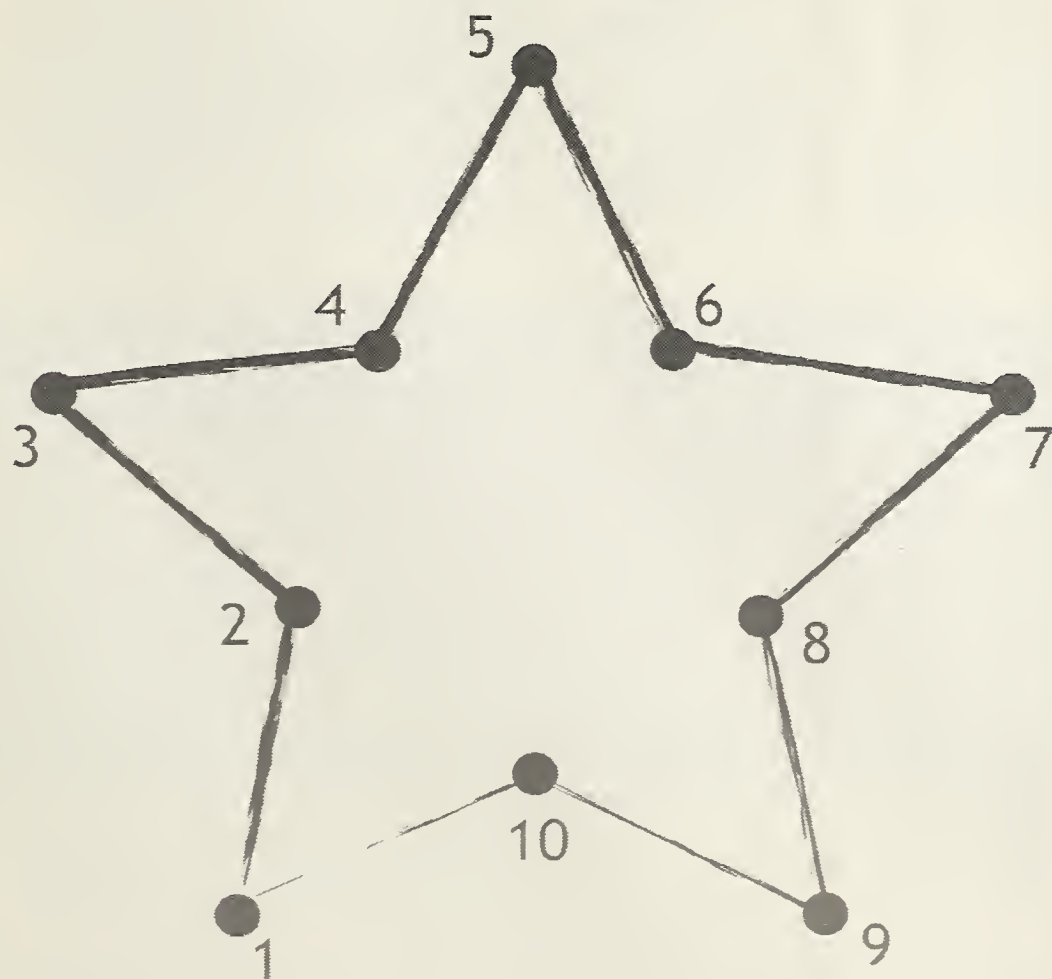
tournament's second round after going all in with his first hand.

The tournament lasted between three and four hours on Friday and the field stayed competitive until midnight as players began to filter into the second round. On Saturday, play continued equally late as the group was narrowed to the final eight.

Most competitors played conservatively, tried their hand at bluffing, intimidation and risk and added to their poker playing experience.

Sophomore Tom Caruso was the eventual winner, after taking an all-in bet pre-flop with \$2,200 on the table with a pair of deuces with ace high. Caruso chose the all-expenses paid trip for two as his grand prize.

“We both stood up as the flop was laid out on the table. When I realized that I had just won the whole tournament with that one hand I was in shock and had to sit back down as I couldn't feel my own legs. I could not believe I had just won,” said Caruso.



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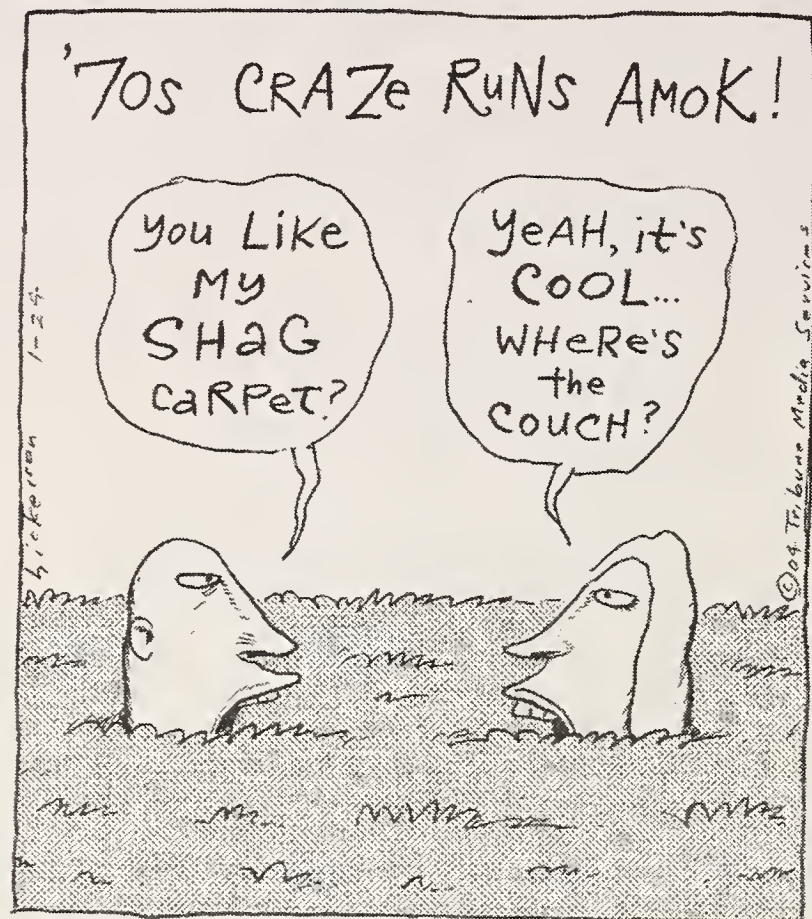
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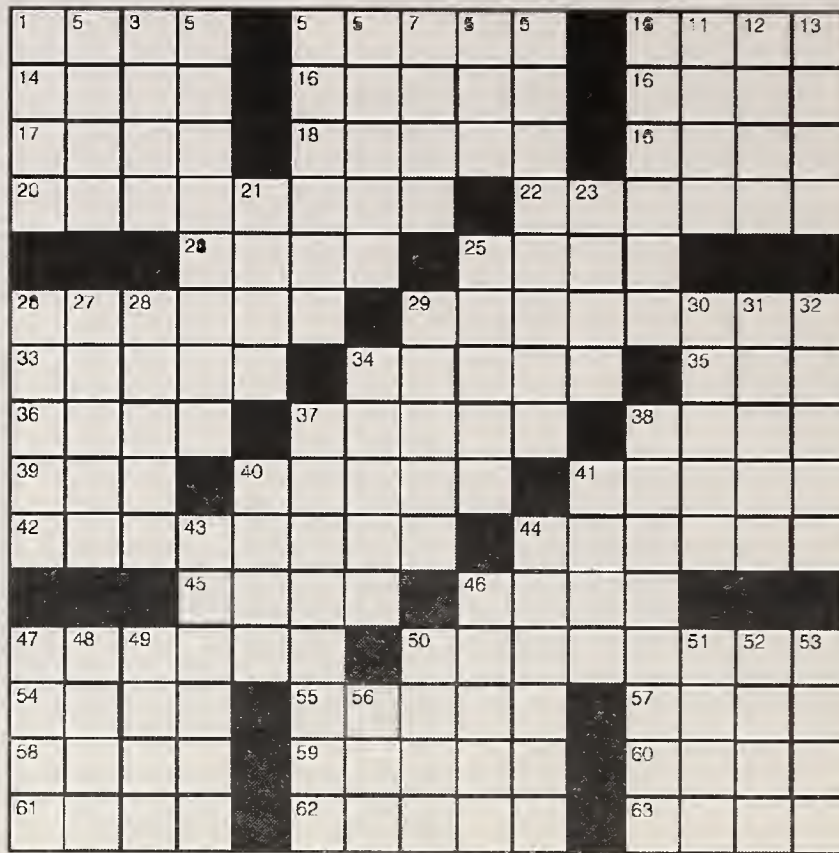
DITHERED TWITS by Stan Waling



Being average warriors, the Druids were widely known for their exemplary cheerleading squads.

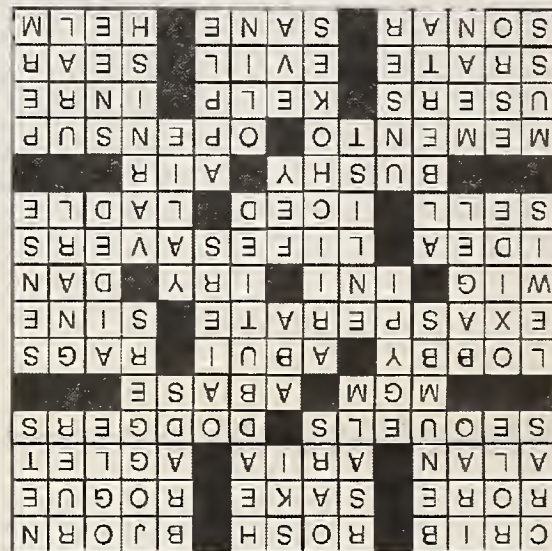
Crossword

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- 1 Charged particles
 - 5 Ham it up
 - 10 Impulsive
 - 14 Plummet
 - 15 Brown pigment
 - 16 Agatha's contemporary
 - 17 Past due
 - 18 Legal arguments
 - 19 Judge
 - 20 November event
 - 22 Musical chords
 - 24 Sharp
 - 25 Adult Ugly Duckling
 - 26 Climbed
 - 29 Richard Petty vehicle
 - 33 Felt concern
 - 34 Quivered
 - 35 "Float like a butterfly" boxer
 - 36 Batters' stats
 - 37 Circular
 - 38 Risked a ticket
 - 39 Pub order
 - 40 Writer Jules
 - 41 In what place?
 - 42 Answering-machine backlog
 - 44 Robberies
 - 45 Broadcasts
 - 46 Ukraine capital
 - 47 Woman grad
 - 50 Led
 - 54 Llama land
 - 55 Snooze
 - 57 Unit cost
 - 58 Wise guy
 - 59 Elton John's instrument
 - 60 Nights before
 - 61 Autobahn auto
 - 62 Monica of tennis
 - 63 Aswan and Hoover
- DOWN
- 1 At rest
 - 2 Spoken
 - 3 Post-it jotting
 - 4 Foliage spots
 - 5 Saw
 - 6 Honeydew or casaba
 - 7 Candid
 - 8 Acapulco aunt
 - 9 "Unforgiven" star Clint
 - 10 Debit, in business lingo
 - 11 Location
 - 12 Winter coaster
 - 13 Skirt edges
 - 21 Set up for a drive
 - 23 Set of antlers
 - 25 Sharon of "Basic Instinct"
 - 26 Vamoose!
 - 27 TV line
 - 28 Zodiac sign
 - 29 Deliberately avoids
 - 30 Canaveral and Hatteras
 - 31 Heads-up
 - 32 Commutes
 - 34 Painful places
 - 37 Gets hold of again
 - 38 Reacted to cold, perhaps
 - 40 "You're So ___" (Simon song)



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Solutions to last week's puzzle



- 41 Cry
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- 44 River horses
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- 47 Lhasa
- 48 Bound forward
- 49 Encourage
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- 51 Vesuvian flow
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- 53 Loch of legend
- 56 Golf ball position

HOROSCOPES

By Lasha Seniuk/KRT

Taurus (April 21-May 20). Find positive outlets and expect passionate acceptance from loved ones. Ambition will slowly return. Late Friday, an unusual romantic or social proposal may be troublesome. Avoid complex triangles, mildly unethical flirtations or last-minute invitations.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Romantic overtures are gently persuasive over the next few days. Before midweek, expect new love

affairs or unique friendships to trigger key decisions. Some Gemini's will soon change their daily obligations and long-term family plans. Stay focused and watch for subtle invitations.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Before midweek, emotional reactions may be unpredictable. Avoid acting as mediator or adviser. Late Thursday, some Cancerians may encounter a complex romantic

or social invitation from a colleague. If so, remain cautious. Private love affairs, hidden agendas or unusual triangles may be involved.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Intimate relationships begin an intensive phase of planning. Early this week, some Leos, especially those born after 1963, will adopt controversial family ideas. Potential life partners may reveal their long-term plans. After Sunday, single Leos will encounter several new romantic

invitations. Remain diplomatic and wait for obvious clues. Passions will be high.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). After Thursday, friends and lovers may insist on revised emotional rules or new daily routines. Fear of abandonment or social awkwardness may be concerns. Remain open to subtle hints.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Late social invitations may prove emotionally complicated. Over the next two days, expect friends or colleagues to present conflicting facts, dates or times. Creative planning or group events may intensify private tensions. Loved ones will ask for acceptance; remain cautious and watch for key breakthroughs.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22). Thursday through Saturday, family relationships will steadily improve. Loved ones, although emotionally needy, will allow for greater moments of relaxation or freedom. Respond with optimism.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21). Compliments or rare group invitations indicate a new attitude of social acceptance. Monday through Thursday, watch for unique proposals or unexpected opportunities for change. Respond with cheerful honesty and expect emotional distance or distrust to soon fade.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20). Old memories or forgotten friends may challenge present relationships. Before Thursday, expect loved ones to need careful support and extra reassurance. Plan private encounters or cozy family gatherings. This is not the right time to let nostalgic thoughts or past disappointments take top priority.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19). Before Wednesday, group plans may be postponed or canceled. Close friends and colleagues are easily distracted by quick reversals and fast overtures. Take none of it personally. At present, underlying family or romantic tensions may

influence social decisions.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20). Withheld emotions will rise quickly to the surface. Avoid public debate, if possible, and opt for solitary duties. After Thursday, powerful romantic feelings may emerge. Don't hold back. Love relationships, shared sensuality and new friendships are strongly favored in the coming weeks.

If your birthday is this week ... Before mid-March, study daily routines, sleep patterns and fitness regimes. After April 8, watch also for a sudden flurry of business openings, new job assignments or financial changes. At present, authority figures are highly disposed in your favor and will offer unique options. Respond quickly. If successful, new contracts will need to be settled by the end of April. June through October also accent complex romantic decisions and sudden changes in key relationships. Vital choices will trigger lifestyle changes throughout September.



Losing streak extends to 31

BY PETE DAVIS
SPORTS EDITOR

After 20 minutes of basketball at Fairfield on Sunday, Loyola held a six point lead and put itself in position to snap its 30 game losing streak.

But once again, Fairfield (10-8, 3-4 MAAC) put an end to that possibility in the opening minutes

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of the second half, scoring the first 22 points to propel the Stags to a 75-56 victory.

Loyola extended its consecutive loss streak to 31, only two away from tying Grambling's record for most consecutive losses in Division I history, set in the 2001-02 season. This loss also eclipsed another negative record for the Hounds, eclipsing the program's record of 17 straight losses to begin the 1982-1983 season.

Both teams started out on fire from the field with the Hounds connecting on their first six shots attempts. Sophomore and leading scorer Charlie Bell buried a three-pointer to give Loyola a 16-12 lead midway through the first half. Loyola continued its good first half play and actually extended its lead to 32-26 at the break.

With only eight players available for this game, the team may have run out of gas as Fairfield came out on fire in the second half. The Stags went on a 22-0 run to open the half and quickly turned a six-point deficit into a 16-point lead.

"It was a little bit fatigue when you have to play back to back



Jamaal Dixon and the Greyhounds have played hard but are on the verge of setting the all-time record for consecutive losses in Division I basketball.

games on the road with only seven players," said Bell.

"I think playing two game in three days with a depleted roster definitely affected our play," said Loyola head coach Scott Hicks.

Fairfield shot an incredible 67 percent from beyond the three-point line in the second half and shot 62 percent overall for the half.

"They just came out really strong in the second half," said Bell. "They took the lead from us

and we were playing catch-up the whole second half."

The difference at the foul line in the second half also played a significant role in the outcome of the game. Fairfield got to the line 17 times in the half and converted every attempt while Loyola got to the line nine times and only made one. For the game Loyola shot 21 percent from the line, whereas the Stags did not miss a free throw the entire game.

Bell led the Hounds with a career-high 25 points, including five three-point field goals. Bernard Allen was the only other Loyola player to reach double figures, scoring 11 points and pulling down nine rebounds. Fairfield had four players in double figures, led by Terrence Todd and DeWitt Maxwell with 20 points each.

On Friday night Loyola only
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Despite streak, LC sticking with Hicks

BY PETE DAVIS
SPORTS EDITOR

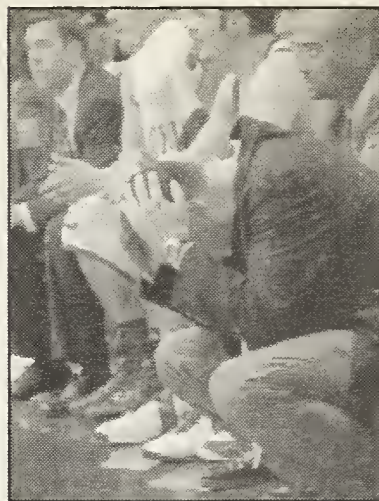
Despite the program's worst start and the team's near-record losing streak, Loyola Athletic Director Joe Boylan indicated last week that Scott Hicks will remain men's basketball head coach through the season's end.

"I can be very honest with you, that we have no intention of and have not even thought about [firing Hicks]," Boylan said.

In June 2000, Hicks signed a four-year contract with Loyola and left his position as head coach at the University of Albany.

Though the exact terms of Hicks' contract were never made public, Boylan confirmed that it was a four-year contract set to expire this summer.

"It's a typical contract, again it's a four year contract," said Director of Athletics Joe Boylan. "It does have other provisions into it...but, the four years have to be successful; that's as far as I'll go."



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Boylan has stuck by Hicks during this difficult time, and said he would not make a mid-year change like he did during the 1992-1993 season.

"We're all disappointed where we are ... the record speaks for itself," said Boylan. "As far as how we'll handle coaching situations, at the end of each year we see where we are with our programs and make decisions based on that."

In that 1992-93 season, character issues with the coach precipitated a move, which is not an issue with Hicks.

"Everything about Scott is positive," said Boylan. "The way he carries himself and the way he conducts himself during these difficult times has been up until this point has been exemplary."

Boylan conceded that it was impossible to ignore that the team is close to setting a dubious record.

"It's a story, I mean let's face it and nobody wants to be associated with that kind of record
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Loyola's swimming and diving teams suffered tough losses against Delaware on Saturday. The men lost 130-113 and the women fell 136.50 to 101.50

Swim teams fall to Delaware

Men lose heartbreaker in final relay of meet

BY TERRY FOY
STAFF WRITER

In their first meet back after Christmas break and a training session in Florida, both the men and the women lost close meets to the University of Delaware. The Hounds failed to secure victories

as Delaware men pulled out a win in the meet's final event, the 400 free relay, clinching the meet 130-113, while the women fell 136.5-101.5.

The non-conference meet was Loyola's first action since swimming in the Colgate Invitational more than six weeks

ago though they spent a week practicing in Florida over winter break.

There was little rust to be found, however, on freshman Ryan Reeser and junior Marko Turcinov as both swimmers headlined the men's meet with three victories
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Women falter in road test

BY NEVIN STEINER
STAFF WRITER

After losing to Saint Peter's on Friday, Loyola was in position to bounce back against Fairfield on Sunday but could not pull out the victory, losing 66-58. Going into the game the Stags stood in ninth place in the MAAC with a 3-5 record and an overall record of 5-13.

"They got players," said Loyola head coach Candy Cage. "They were picked to win (the MAAC), forget the record."

With sophomore Ivana Podrug at 6'5", senior starting center Milica Miljkovic at 6'3", and five other Stags players between 5'11" and 6'2" receiving playing time, sophomore center Katie Scherle could not get anything going. In
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Women .500 in MAAC, ready for key stretch



Brittany Dunn looks to drive past an opposing player and take the ball strong to the basket. Dunn was named MAAC Rookie of the Week last week for her good play.

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the line 37 times...we fouled too much," said Cage.

On the reverse, the Greyhounds only went to the line nine times.

"It is never really one thing," said Cage when asked what went wrong against Fairfield. The team just needs to put all the pieces together like they did against Siena.

The Greyhounds went into the game against second place St. Peter's Friday night with hopes to increase their three game MAAC winning streak and demolish a losing streak against the Pea Hens. Under Cage, the Hounds have not beaten the Pea Hens, their last win coming in 2001.

In the first five minutes of the game, the Hounds held the Pea Hens scoreless. Unfortunately, when the Greyhounds went into the half they were held to 30 percent shooting, down 33-18. Sparked by freshmen Jill Glessner's five points, Loyola started the second half on a 7-0 run. The Hounds held St. Peter's scoreless for the first seven minutes of the half cutting the Pea Hen's lead down to seven, 33-25. Loyola would cut the lead to one during the second half, but was never able to take the lead, losing 60-46.

"It was like coaching three different games in one segment," said Coach Cage. "We couldn't get an inside game going, we couldn't get any jumpers." The

Greyhounds also struggled from the foul line, going 7 for 15.

Scherle led the Hounds with 11 points and nine rebounds. Glessner had a career-high nine points, along with two blocks, and two rebounds, both offensive.

Junior forward Robbyn Poole had another outstanding game in limited game action. In the span of five minutes she had two rebounds, one block, one steal, and two points.

"She is like a little spark plug for us," said Cage.

Sophomore Krystle Harrington had a solid game with six points, three assists and two steals.

Defensively the Greyhounds played well, limiting the Pea Hens to 39 percent shooting and grabbing 37 rebounds. Offensively the Hounds struggled taking 55 shots, making just 19 for 34 percent from the field.

After starting the road trip off 0-2, Loyola stands at 4-4 in the MAAC, with an overall record of 8-9.

"We are going to mix it up a bit. We just got to give them something different. If Lindsay (senior guard Lindsay Cobb) can't make a good shot, we can't win," said Cage. Over the weekend Cobb went a combined 2 for 9.

This coming weekend the trip continues with two games, a game against top-ranked Marist and last place Iona.

More Super Bowl Picks

Have you seen *The Cooler*? If you haven't, it's about a man whose luck is so bad that casinos hire him to "cool off" lucky gamblers. Good flick, but its relevance is that I'm the real life "Cooler."

Since no one reads my column and *The Greyhound* employs a deaf, dumb, and blind person to handle my articles in fear of irreparably harming a literate person, I am the only one who can attest to the fact that every one of my shamelessly ill-informed predictions has failed to come true.

That being the case, I fully expect the greater New England area and those Loyola students who hail from yonder parts to turn me into the next Bartman, for I believe that the Patriots will emerge victorious this year.

They are deep (check out how that O-line handled Indy's defense without superstar Damien Woody), they hide any weaknesses they possess, and their experience in the playoffs (nobody's beaten Tommy B...yet) are the reasons I have damned the Pats to sure defeat by picking them here.

The Panthers are well-coached and will not allow a blowout, but the Patriots have been, and still are, the best team in the league this year. The Patriots will win 20-13 over the Panthers.

-- Mike Spillane

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Administration supports players and coaching staff

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to be honest with you," he said.

As public scrutiny of the team continues to mount, College President Rev. Harold Ridley, S.J. gave a vote of confidence to Hicks as well, and addressed the growing interest in the team's performance in an e-mail to the campus community Friday afternoon.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

"Our season has been and will continue to be a focus of attention in the athletic community and in the news media," said Ridley. "Already, some stories have been written in national and local newspapers, and we anticipate that others will follow as the team continues to compete."

Ridley also praised the players and coaches for their hard work and dedication during this difficult season.

"This year, I have seen our character

evident among the members and coaching staff of our men's basketball team, who have endured a difficult season without victory," said Ridley. "Despite their losses, these student-athletes and their mentors have not given in and, indeed, have rallied together as a team united. Their dedication, their example of the Loyola College spirit, is to be admired and supported."

The team has three opportunities to keep from setting the record. The first, and most likely best opportunity to stop the streak will come at home against Marist this Thursday. Athletic department officials are hoping to capitalize on heightened interest in the team and attract students to the game in an effort to break the streak.

"I just met with [Director of Student Activities] Mark Broderick and we're talking about ways to use the spirit committee to get students out to thwart the streak," said Martin Kelly, assistant director of athletics for external affairs and promotions.

Hounds two shy of infamy

Could tie record this week at Saint Peter's

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dressed seven players for the game and fell to first-place Manhattan 96-63. Of the seven players, Bell continued to play with a sprained ankle and James was limited to 14 minutes because he was battling the flu.

"Shane hadn't practiced in about four games and I had not planned on using him cause physically he was so weak," said Hicks.

The Hounds scored the first two points of the game, but Manhattan quickly showed why they are in first place in the MAAC by going on a 19-0 run.

The Jaspers shot 25 for 47 in the first half while Loyola only shot 8 for 22 leading to a 60-23 halftime advantage for the Jaspers.

Loyola did not stop playing hard in the second half, outscoring Manhattan 40-36 in the half. Manhattan also substituted liberally during the game as all 12 of their players saw at least eight minutes of game action and no player saw more than 25 minutes.

Former UMBC player Peter Mulligan, led the way for Manhattan scoring 28 points in only 23 minutes of game action. Last year's MAAC Player of the Year Luis Flores chipped in 15 points in only 15 minutes and Guy Ngardi also scored in double figures with 12 points.

Bell led the Hounds with 17 points and added five rebounds while Dixon scored 14 points but also committed eight turnovers

against Manhattan's pressure defense. Corrigan also posted double figures, adding 11 points for Loyola.

Loyola returns to action on Thursday when they take on Marist College at Reitz Arena. Loyola took on Marist over the Christmas holiday and took a 10-point lead into the break, before Marist pulled away in the second half.

After the Marist game, Loyola heads on the road to take on St. Peter's on Saturday afternoon. This would be the game where Loyola could tie the record for consecutive losses in a row.

"It's frustrating because every where you go you hear about the streak, so we're just trying to stay focused to get that first win, Bell said."

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Freshman Swimmer

Ryan Reeser

Freshman Ryan Reeser earned three victories for the men's swimming and diving teams on Saturday against the University of Delaware. Reeser won the 50, 100 and 500 freestyles. Reeser has continued to improve and turn in consistent performances for the Hounds this year.

The Hounds came up a little bit short against Delaware dropping a 130-113 decision to the Blue Hens and making their overall record 7-4 on the season as they prepare for their meet against Towson next weekend.

Swim teams prep for Towson next weekend

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each. Reeser built on his impressive performances at the Colgate meet and claimed wins in the 50 free, 100 free, and 500 free, was pleased with his performance, especially after battling illness in the week leading up to the meet.

"We were really happy with the meet, I think it really brought the team together," said Reeser. "It was nice timing too, everyone seems pretty excited going towards the end of the season."

Turcinov has improved his times throughout the year and is expected to turn in good times at the MAAC Championships. If the team could have recorded a victory in the final relay, the result of the meet may have swayed to Loyola's favor.

The women, who were facing stiff competition in a Delaware squad that posted a 7-1 dual meet record coming in, were paced with victories by Megan Sterback in 3-meter diving, Nori Skoda in the 200 breaststroke, and the 400 free relay team.

Sophomore Jayme Adams, who brought home second place finishes in the 50 and 100 Free as well as anchoring the winning 400 relay team, added, "Since we were in the middle of tapering our workouts to prepare for MAAC's, we were definitely happy with our times and performance in the meet, not to mention that Delaware is a very good team."

This was supposed to be Loyola's second meet after break, but last week's meet had to be cancelled because, the pool was tested and found to have an imbalance of chemical levels. The team was supposed to compete against MAAC rival Rider University, who is always one of the top two teams in the

MAAC.

It does not appear that the meet against Rider will be rescheduled since the MAAC Championships are not far away, although no formal announcement has been made, according to an official in the athletic department.

The Greyhounds will be in the water again next Saturday as they travel crosstown to

SWIMMING&DIVING

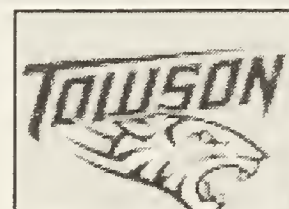
do battle with rival Towson. The men will carry in a record of 7-4 and the women a mark of 9-4 against the Tigers, another formidable non-conference foe.

This weekend's meet will be Loyola's last non-conference meet of the season. The following week the teams take on MAAC rival Iona as a final tune up before the MAAC Championships, which will be held the weekend of February 19-21 at Loyola's Fitness and Aquatic Center.

Both teams have improved significantly from last season and expect to challenge their conference rivals for the top positions. Having the meet at home will also be an advantage for the teams.

NEXT MEET:

at



Saturday 1 p.m.
Burdick Pool

Super Bowl Preview: Panthers will top favored Patriots

Oh, what a wild month of football it has been. After overtimes, double overtimes, games in frigid temperatures, Mike Martz making terrible coaching decisions and a defense not being able to stop the Eagles on 4th and 26, only two teams remain. Carolina and New England have survived January, gaining the right to play February 1st in Super Bowl XXXVIII. Both teams have dominating defenses and it should be a close game, but

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O-VER-TIME

I'll get back to predictions later. For the past week and a half, the sports world has been obsessing over this one game. Come Sunday, the game finally will be played and shortly afterwards, football fans around the country will be left with a football hangover and an empty feeling that will remain until the games start up again in September. This game is such an obsession of sports fans everywhere and there is so much hype surrounding the contest that it got me thinking: what is the Super Bowl? On the most basic level, the Super Bowl is the title game for the National Football League. It is the last game of the season; the culmination of the playoffs. But it

is also like a national holiday, an American tradition. Super Bowl Sunday is observed by a majority of the country, not just football fans. It is the cause of parties, a reason to gather at a bar with friends, and grounds for canceling other activities so you can focus on the game and only the game. Unlike the NBA, MLB, or NHL finals, which are best-of-seven series, the Super Bowl is the one game that determines the champion of the NFL. You can't have a bad game and then make up for it later. There is no room for error, which is one reason there is so much attention given to the game.

One reason the Super Bowl is so popular is because of its appeal to non-sports fans. Take the halftime show for instance. At most games, there is a small football skills contest or pep band playing during the intermission. At the Super Bowl there is a circus atmosphere at halftime and a mini-concert. This year, Janet Jackson, P. Diddy, Nelly, and Kid Rock will be performing. Personally, I never watch the halftime show. I think it's kind of stupid, and even if I liked the performers I wouldn't watch. Halftime is also a break from the game for me and a good time to reload on snacks and use the facilities. Especially if I am really into the contest, it gives me a chance to stop stressing out. And

with all the commercial breaks, turning the game into a marathon that lasts well over four hours, take my advice and use this year's intermission to prepare for the long haul of the second half. Something that has even outlasted the four-and-a-half hour football game that is the Super Bowl is the over six hours of pregame coverage. All afternoon, you can watch so-called NFL experts analyze, and analyze, and over-analyze every possible part of a simple football game. Since the game is on CBS this year, we are all treated to listening to Boomer Esiason say pretty much the same thing over and over for all six hours. Just about every sentence out of his mouth contains the word "focus" or "intensity." When listening to Esiason, my reaction is similar to how Frankie from "The Real World" reacts when she sees big ships.

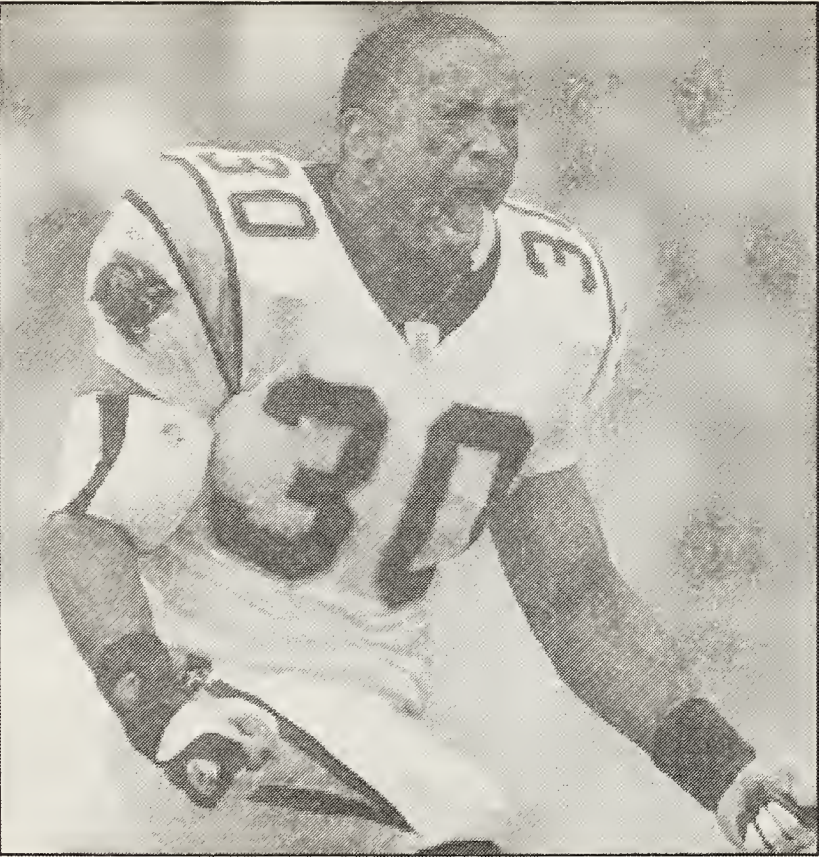
Another thing is that there is too much time to fill; eventually CBS will run out of significant stories. You know they are reaching when they start to show those feel-good, player-overcoming-the-odds stories. Most of the stories have nothing to do to the game and aren't even relevant. Around the fifth hour of the pregame show, you will hear something like this: "And after the break, a candid interview with Troy Brown. Brown failed his art history midterm his freshman year at Marshall. His teacher gave him little hope of passing, but Brown was determined to pass the course." It's all downhill from there. One thing that has surprised me is all the attention Bill Belichick's wardrobe has garnered. We get it. He wears a hooded sweatshirt, and looks like a bum. Should this really be an issue that five ex-football stars are sitting around a studio discussing for 10 minutes? If you find yourself suffering through this pregame coverage, remember that Beyonce is singing the national anthem. There, feel better? Once the game starts, you'll find that most non-football fans tune into this game for one reason: commercials. Because of the great amount of focus on the game, major businesses (mainly beer and soft drink companies) shell out millions for 30 seconds of air time to try to make an impression on countless Americans. Some are memorable, others bomb, but my main beef about them is watching



Tom Brady is the leader of the Patriots' offense.

the game with people who care more about the commercials than the actual game. You know, the people who yak during the whole game but at the commercial breaks will shhhh! you and your friends who are trying to discuss the last series of downs. The commercials are fun and all, but don't let them overshadow the real reason you are watching. Another reason people watch the game so closely is because of the insane amount of money bet on it. The Super Bowl is a gambler's paradise. Aside from the numerous block pools, fans and non-fans alike will wager millions of dollars on this game. No single game is bet on more or in more different ways than this game. Beyond betting the spread or the over/under, countless Internet gambling sites offer wagering categories on about every facet of the game. You could bet on the coin toss, who will score first, who will score last, if the first scoring play will be a field goal or a touchdown, the highest scoring quarter, how long the longest field goal will be, how many yards Stephen Davis will have, if Ty Law will have an interception, which team will commit the first penalty, and the list goes on and on. But that's not all. There are also cross-sport bets, the most exotic and random things you can think of. Will Steve Smith have more receiving yards in the Super Bowl than Vijay Singh will

have golf strokes in the final round of the FBR Open? Will Jake Delhomme have more pass attempts than LeBron James will have combined points, rebounds, and assists? Will the Panthers have more first half points than Allen Iverson's made free throws? The Super Bowl brings out the compulsive gambler in all of us. All rambling aside, it's time to talk about the actual game. New England's defense has been near perfect in the last two months, and Tom Brady is still doing what made him the Super Bowl MVP in 2002 - always finding ways to pull out a victory. However, the Panthers are battle-tested. John Fox strategically maneuvered Carolina through the playoffs, knocking out the two heavyweights of the NFC, St. Louis and Philadelphia, on the road. The key to this game will be which team can win the turnover battle. Both teams have outstanding defenses and live off takeaways to pull out close games. If Carolina can force Brady to make a few bad decisions, they will keep this game close. As well as the Pats are playing, I'm going to take the underdog in this one. My prediction: the tide of the game turns after a fourth quarter kickoff return for a touchdown by Rod Smart, aka former XFL star "He Hate Me." Somehow, the Panthers pull it out -- Carolina Panthers 23, New England Patriots 20.



The Panthers defense will need to contain Brady and the Patriots offense in order to win.



Team	MAAC				Overall			
	W	L	PCT	GB	W	L	PCT	Streak
Manhattan	8	1	.889	-	13	4	.765	Lost 1
St. Peter's	7	1	.875	.5	11	6	.647	Won 1
Niagara	6	2	.750	1.5	12	5	.706	Won 2
Rider	4	3	.571	3	10	7	.588	Lost 1
Siena	4	4	.444	3.5	7	11	.389	Won 1
Iona	4	4	.444	3.5	6	12	.333	Won 1
Fairfield	3	4	.429	4	10	8	.556	Won 1
Marist	3	5	.375	4.5	5	12	.294	Lost 3
Canisus	2	6	.250	5.5	7	12	.412	Lost 2
LOYOLA	0	9	.000	8	0	18	.000	Lost 31

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Niagara	4	3	.571	1.5	10	6	.625	Won 1
LOYOLA	4	4	.500	2	8	9	.471	Lost 2
Manhattan	4	4	.500	2	8	9	.471	Lost 2
Canisus	3	4	.429	2.5	8	8	.500	Won 2
Fairfield	3	5	.375	3	5	13	.277	Won 1
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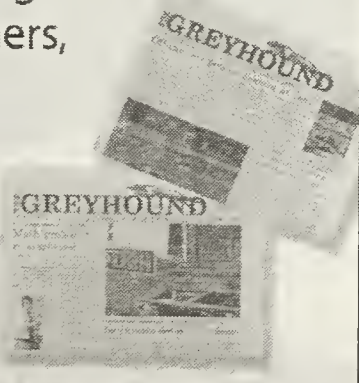
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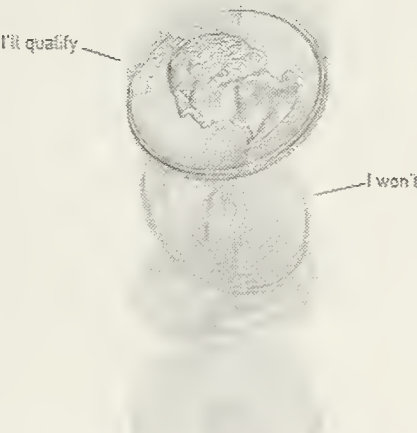
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